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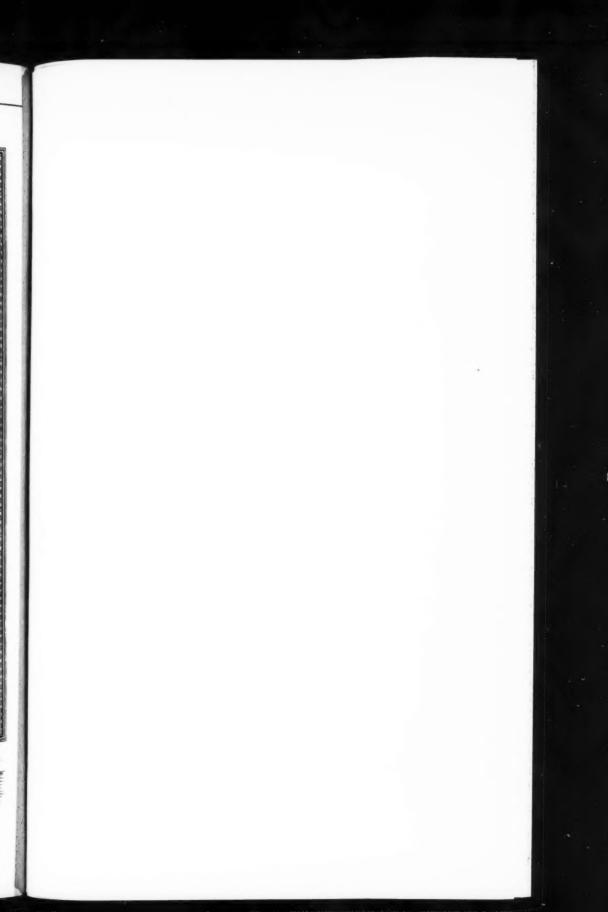
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#### THE PROBLEM OF INTERPRETATION: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SONG

By ERIK BREWERTON

Interpretation in music is one manifestation of hat individualism which lay at the heart of the mantic movement. When an artist claims to sir what he likes in his own way, when he regards the search for self-expression as the Alpha and Omega of his mission in life, he becomes a omantic composer if he creates music, and a omantic interpreter if he reproduces it. Without he growth of this essential individualism we hould have heard very little of interpretation in he world of music. When we think of the efformances of a Liszt or of a Rubinstein, for sample, in comparison with the earlier style of laying associated with the names of Clementi nd Mozart, we are conscious of a pungency of flerence which cannot be accounted for on erely technical grounds.

Whatever be the ultimate value of this claim to apose and reproduce music as the musician in ach case thinks fit, it has had the support of the ablic, which is itself romantic in its interest in ersons rather than in things, in its demand for ovelty and in its taste for strong sensations. ther words, the demand for interest, to the sclusion of such ideas as pleasure or truth or eauty, comes to mean the insurgence of the ndividual who takes things up and makes them art of himself, infusing them with his own life mtil he is tired of them and sheds them as a me its leaves. The interpreter believes that what stight and proper in general may be disregarded y some, if they are strong enough to assert emselves and convince their audience. He ikes short views-those of a career-and he stinctively stretches out his hands to the flames of his own kindling. The interpreter tends to ploit music for his own advantage, as many an tor exploits a play, and, gifted with a personality, e succeeds so long as the public betrays almost s languid an interest in the name of the composer s in that of the playwright. The interpreter is a lowman who decks himself in borrowed plumes. le stakes all on an immediate impression. This the service he would say that he renders for the pplause he receives—that he conducts thousands the shrines of a Mozart, a Beethoven, a Chopin, no, left to themselves, might never make these

brother, the composer, with a smaller sphere to work in, but with more liberty and more immediate success. Although children are charming, their evidence is admitted to be so seriously warped by their imagination as to be of little or of no value in a law-court, and how to make artists—the children who seldom grow up—responsible, is a problem which troubled Plato so much that he had, much against his will, to debar them from entrance to his ideal state of society.

In spite of what de Vigny eloquently claimed for the poet, and Liszt, following him, for the musician, there will always be a deep-seated reluctance to allow these 'music-makers' and dreamers of dreams' to give laws to the world with the authority of a chef d'orchestre. The romantic artist, transported by his inspiration, forgets that what he would like to impose on all is only his own private dream-that his vision has no overwhelming superiority over the more humble insight of others. From the composer as from the poet, we demand more than inspiration, just as from the performer and the actor we demand more than temperament. With the creative artist it is not so much his inspiration that matters, as what he says under its influence; with him who reproduces the work of others, not so much his temperament as the value of his reproduction. No critic could dogmatically pronounce on the right way to play a Beethoven Sonata or a Shakespearean rôle, but there are certain ways of playing them which a critic might pronounce emphatically wrong. If he may not do this, then art and its appreciation collapse; art, with more pleasure in it, being like the business of life, a matter of making choices, and choice implies exclusion.

The true musician is seldom conscious of that power of interpretation which is often attributed to him. He would resent the idea of being congratulated on his powers, because he would feel that he is not exerting himself so much as submitting himself to the composer he admires. The more intimately acquainted he is with the composer, the less is he conscious of himself. The dozen songs of Schubert he sings represent the hundred in which he has steeped his sensibility. Art is long, and a man might be a great Beethoven player and only play six of the Sonatas.

The expressiveness of a work of art grows and thrives on the imagination of a sensitive public. The interpreter is a howman who decks himself in borrowed plumes. This the service he would say that he renders for the applause he receives—that he conducts thousands to the shrines of a Mozart, a Beethoven, a Chopin, left to themselves, might never make these impairmages at all. It is useless to deny that he is important and influential person. He has the prevailing charm of the child with its responsibility and disposition to tell lies. This aim Russia, or from the best traditions of ally means that he is an artist like his elder

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not warm us with a vigilant and cherishing affection. Wherever this feeling runs strong we ought to hear less of the performer's originality, temperament, and powers of interpretation, because we should expect a high seriousness in all he undertook, and, recognising it, should respect him more, though we talked about him less.

The musician, like the poet, interprets life and ennobles it thereby. He does this through a powerful instinct there is no need to attempt to examine here. But great things are often put to little uses, and interpretation, which in its highest sense is merely the scope of every artist, often confined nowadays to a wanton emotionalism on the one hand and to a narrow

intellectuality on the other.

It is noticeable in Mr. Plunket Greene's book on 'Interpretation in Song' that his shrewd and acute remarks are the more welcome as the music considered is the less great. What is excellent in Stanford's 'Crow' is irritating in Schubert's 'Doppelganger.' Great music cannot be intellectualised. Certain characteristic songs may be, because here we can afford to treat the claims of music lightly. The question suggested after reading each of these analyses the author is so fond of giving is, 'Will all this enable one to sing the song?' The answer naturally comes, 'One must feel the song first through the music.' But when the song is felt in this complete and direct manner the detailed analysis is not only forgotten in the stress of the emotion, but henceforth inapplicable. There are reasons of the heart, as Pascal reminded the logicians of his day, and a climax in music which contrasts 'Der Doppelgänger' with 'Er, d logicians of his day, and a climax in music which is not made from the heart, but is merely an effect herrlichste von Allen,' he surely means that each dictated and elaborated from the head, lacks the has its own character. A singer would probab true ring of good metal. These instructions on How to sing a song' may convey many useful hints as regards details that are sometimes overlooked, but in the main, songs must convince them, or that those who preferred 'Er, der hers of themselves, and need no sponsor to introduce lichste von Allen' were more musical than those them to some one who then takes upon himself to who preferred 'Der Doppelgänger,' which the act as their interpreter. An actor might carry us author claims to be 'the greatest song in the away with his Hamlet or Macbeth, but if he wrote world,' it is difficult to see. If song is partly a series of articles explaining how he acted these literature, partly drama, and partly music, it is parts—as Poe in an essay professed to explain sorry hybrid, and it is obviously better to real how he wrote 'The Raven' -we should no doubt literature, hear pure instrumental music, and vis be interested but unconvinced, for we should know the theatre for the drama. that it was what he left unexplained that moved us intellectual singers more or less imply. in his acting. The result of this growing intellectualising of art which stands in such contrast with the spirit of the earlier 'Romantics' is to degrade the artist to the level of the craftsman. The craftsman may interest and delight us, but he does not carry us away. Studying a Schubert song as a problem, classifying it, resolving it, pruning away everything in the matter of rhythm or of diction which may offend the taste, will never re-create it. Only the musical imagination can do this, and it is impossible to analyse such a power, any more than we can analyse the charm of Pachmann's playing. It was such a mistaken for something which we associate with the attitude that Liszt exposed when he wrote of some birds, the open air, and all that is free and noble famous operatic singer of his day:

Tout est bien appris; rien n'est spontanément créé. On trouve presque toujours que cela est bien; on ne sent presque jamais que cela est beau.

It is not surprising, therefore, that one who is convinced that song is music and must in the end be judged on the same parity as all other music will find songs mentioned in this book on inte pretation, which are not of great musical impo ance, and secondly, will complain that some of the author's remarks assume a very paradoxic appearance. As grounds for this later grievance the author permits himself to say, of 'Der Doppelgänger The purely musical effects of this song are nil and of Schumann's 'Er, der herrlichste von Allen This song is entirely musical in its effects. in this respect the exact opposite of "Der Doppel gänger." A song must stand or fall as musi We are not dealing with any outlandish form entertainment such as a musically accompani recitation in the style of Schumann or of Griev nor even with an extract from an opera in the advanced style of 'Pelléas et Mélisande.' Bot are songs; and to select them for their ments a such and then to say that one is less musical that the other is paradoxical. No pianist would think of saying that a Chopin Polonaise or Scherzo less musical, being less melodic, than a Chop Deeper an Is Handel's recit., Nocturne. deeper still,' less musical than the air, 'Waft h angels,' that follows it? When a writer warns to singer against making 'purely musical effects,' surely means simply that the singer should no aceeding succeed better in the one than in the other because one would appeal to him more than the other But that there is any radical difference between And this is wha

Song can be a genuine form of art only when lifts the words into a new world where they have new life. Only by the absorption of the worth into music can the song escape being a hybrid, the fate of opera. Just as Berlioz was the first to demoralise the symphony, introducing impuriti into its system which some modern compose such as Glazounov have endeavoured to exp so Wagner and his disciples degraded singing robbing it of melody, confining it with mercile consistency to the words, making it heavy To have done this unlyrical, and tedious. and spontaneous, required extraordinary abilities

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I recollect hearing a composer last year adjudiing on the performance of one of his choral mpositions. In his remarks he spoke of the wer music had of bringing out the hidden auties of certain words, and he instanced 'pearl' nd'gold' which occurred in the piece he had set music. He might have said with more truth ht music invests words with beauty of its own ceeding power, as art in general adds a splendour ad dignity to our lives. Music does not follow inds; it transfigures them. Anyone can test this section by reading the poem over before he knows music and afterwards when he has responded read: bit It is by no means fantastic, for example, to if that Schumann has exalted the poet Heine, ing him a greater power and range. To dot the is and cross the is of the poem, to trot long by its side with dog-like fidelity; how any composers we have who aim at just thisnd succeed! As from the speaking voice words smetimes come with a charm or pathos which is a kind of ulterior value to their literal mificance, so music has a power which makes it possible to read certain poems without recalling s that have enshrined them, makes it impose to read Goethe's 'Kennst du das Land' hout recalling the nostalgic opening phrase of st's setting, or W. Müller's 'Das Wandern ist s Müllers Lust' without falling a victim to ubert, or Heyse's 'Murmeldnes Lüftchen' withtt echoing Jensen's sweet strain. Good poems, musician will confess, but better songs!

It is refreshing, when speculations such as the going are nearing deep waters, to find precisely le Couperin à Debussy.' In his introductory Tosti.

is difficult to believe that singing could ever be essay he is emphatic that the character of French music is inherited from the primitive 'chanson,' the interests of 'dramatic truth,' it is common where it is the aim of the music to follow the hear phrases broken up, sobs, shouts, and words in every twist and turn of their course. atth interpolated, a monotonous declamation From this endeavour and achievement he deduces There is the general unpopularity of instrumental music in truth in Nietzsche's caustic remark, 'Wagner France—peu goitée, as he says—and points out only sung by ruined voices; they are more the constant presence in it of verbal, pictorial, and matic.' With a Schubert Sonata the pianist intellectual preoccupations, as may be illustrated from early days in the curious titles Couperin the feels no call to dredge the composer's life gave to the pieces he composed for the clavecin. some dramatic episode to guide him in his The author is not slow to demonstrate the advantage of such a keenly alert, nimble, intelligent, and adaptable music, but he admits that these qualities are only compensations, though great compensations, for something weak, thin, and anæmic in French melody, which lacks both the richness of Italian and the capacity for development of German melody. French music so critical, interesting, and ductile, has not, according to M. Chantavoine, a strong, vigorous life of its own. It neither lives, nor is loved, for itself, and therefore easily suffers from the invasion of foreign elements. It remains analytical music, always tributary to some thought, gesture, or action, which it seeks to emphasise or evoke. Such a view makes it quite clear that this music cannot be approached from the same angle of appreciation as Italian, German, or English music. For the foreigner it will retain the attractions and the drawbacks of the exceptional. Its art-song should be of a very different order from that of other countries-notably from that of Germany, which owes so much to Schubert and Schumann, instrumental composers of songs to this extent, that it is impossible to admire their best songs without having an admiration for instrumental music also; and Liszt nobly vindicated this view in making his famous Schubert transcriptions.

La musique instrumentale réussit peu en France, elle n'amuse pas les Français; il leur faut du chant, une musique où, tandis que les notes plaisent à l'oreille, des mots sollicitent l'esprit. Dans la musique purement instrumentale l'intelligence perd pied et le Français a l'horreur de ne pas comprendre-

we feel that it is only necessary to translate such a book as 'Interpretation in Song' into French, and read it overlooking a boulevard in Paris, to endorse

everything within its pages.

Meanwhile we remain in solid England, and are forced to the conclusion that the French, like other peoples, have the defects of their qualities It is unfortunate that instrumental and vocal music have not, with them, achieved a more lasting and favourable rapport. For to their mind there is evidently something quite pointed and invidious in the antithesis we often hear expressed in common parlance, 'music and singing.' Or, if 'music should be song,' as Chopin once declared, we must add that song should also be music. If this were so, an otherwise excellent Italian writer, Roberto opposite opinion developed by the French Bracco, would not have been moved to write a or and critic, M. Chantavoine, in his book, perfectly sincere eulogium on the romances of

often betray to sing good songs is due not so is not fulfilled. The truth is that the writing of the much to a lack of intelligence as to a lack of book was several times interrupted by ill-health musical sensibility, or at any rate to a lack of and by other work, and, finally, for some five or trust in it. There is the musical side of the six months, by my visit to America. Three-fourths imagination, just as there is the poetical and the of it had been in the printer's hands for months The better a man sings his Schubert, the better he will sing his Handel, and vice versa. Both wrote for musical people, and if species differ in music, the genus remains the same. The singer who finds no joy in a sonata, or the instrumentalist who is untouched by a song, is a defective. The message which comes through the artist and arouses an answering thrill in the breast of the listener is the same message in the sonata and in the song. It can neither be analysed by the critic nor superimposed on the the book, which had been long in type. notes by the performer. When there, it is there like light, and gives the musician certain inalienable powers which may be abused, but are none the less real, privileges of true breeding, and authentic signs.

The usurpation of æsthetics over art, of the craftsman over the artist, of the interpreter over the creator, augurs ill for the instincts of the generation which allows and encourages it. When music is abandoned to the mercies of the busy and curious intellect, many must share the resentment of the Greeks when Socrates set about to convert into a science what to them was the art of life-a profound feeling of alarm and irritation.

#### A POSTSCRIPT TO A MUSICAL CRITIC'S HOLIDAY

By ERNEST NEWMAN

(Concluded from November number, page 981.)

#### III.

When I began this 'Postscript' I intended to discuss at length the question raised by Mr. Evans of objectivity in criticism, but as I cannot inflict myself indefinitely on the Editor and the readers of the Musical Times, I must reserve for another occasion the bulk of what I had proposed to say on that subject. Perhaps I may be allowed a personal explanation on one or two points. After what I said in the first of these articles, it should be unnecessary for me to add that in my discussion (in 'A Musical Critic's Holiday') of the problems of objectivity v. subjectivity in criticism, consistency of opinion over a number of years, and so on, I was not, as Mr. Evans seems to imagine, claiming certitude for either my own principles (if I have any) or my own practice, but arguing a certain case. On the problem of objectivity and subjectivity there is a vast amount to be said on both sides, and so far am I from supposing that I know what the solution of the problem is, that I was secretly rather glad when circumstances put it out of my power to go on with the consideration of it. One or two reviewers have quite rightly pointed out that an apparent promise, in the early part of the book, to the moment whether in their own day there were

In the long run, the reluctance our vocalists take up the question of objectivity in criticism later before the concluding sections were written When I came to write these, and I considered taking up the thread I had abandoned, I found not only that it was impossible to take it up again without running on to an inordinate length, h that the more I thought about the problem the more thinking it seemed to call for. In the end the promise to take up again the question of objective criticism had to be left unredeemed, being impossible then to alter the earlier pages of

I only trouble the reader with these persons details to assure him, and, I hope, to convince Mr. Evans also, that I am very far indeed from imagining I can see light at the end of the dark tunnel in which this age-long controversy of subjective and objective is carried on. I have let my Imaginary Critic point out certain fallacies in the subjective theory; and Mr. Evans has in tum pointed out certain fallacies in the objective theory; and the list might be almost indefinite extended on both sides of the case. One thing however, seems to me to be tolerably certain When two people allege diametrically opposit things, they cannot both be right. Now what does right' mean in musical criticism? In the last resort, in art or anything else, it can mean on what the vast majority of people think, not because they have any reasons for wanting to think it, but because the logic of things has forced them to de We have no real ground for declaring positively that Shakespeare is a greater poet that Longfellow, except that practically every one wh cares for poetry thinks he is. There are no doub people who prefer Longfellow to Shakespeare and if the two camps were about equal in numbers we should be compelled to admit that the one sid was about as likely to be right as the other. But the numbers are so overwhelmingly the greater on the one side that we have no hesitation in saying that the Shakespeareans are right and the Long fellowians wrong.

The antithesis here is an extreme one. The case becomes more difficult when it is contemporar Which of us, when art that is in question. dealing with this art, is entitled to claim that he right and those who differ from him wrong Right and wrong have surely no certain meaning except as applied to centuries, or at least generations, of opinion; therefore to claim the we are right and the others wrong is to claim for ourselves the gift of prophecy. If anyone tel me that Vogler's music is more vital than Beethoven's, I take the liberty to laugh at him because my own experience in the matter is confirmed by that of millions of other people during the last hundred years. I cannot say at

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Apply this now to present-day conditions. If a in chooses to say that Milhaud is a greater proser than Elgar, who can gainsay him? It eans only that he prefers the Milhaud flavour to the Elgar flavour; and there is not the slightest mson why he should not do so, just as there is no mason why he should not prefer burgundy to atterne. It is the expression of a purely personal reference, of a personal constitution of the palate nd a personal state of the digestion—a matter of iet in fact, about which it is futile to quarrel, for art, as in life, each man must be allowed to eat that he likes best and what best agrees with him. his time that will decide whether Elgar matters ore than Milhaud, just as it is time that has kided that Beethoven matters a good deal and agler not at all. We no longer say of a man who 1850 preferred some inferior French composer Berlioz that these things are all a matter of jective taste, and that nobody is objectively ight' and nobody 'wrong.' We say quite stively that such a man was wrong, and we are miled to say so because, and only because, time s shown him to be wrong. This brings us round ain, it will be seen, to something like an jective standard; by 'time' we mean the ssure upon the consciousness of the vast ajority of a certain logic inherent in things.

But the passion for prophecy is ineradicable in s: each of us tries to strengthen himself in his minion of his contemporaries by persuading imself that the Great Assize of the future will hink as he thinks. To keep on merely shouting ity or personal cries at each other is worthy only school-boys or clansmen; and it was because I Fas tired of this absurdity that, in my book, I tried to find out whether some light on our present oblems could not be thrown by the past. For e problems of judgment in our day are sentially no different from those in previous mods. We know just where previous periods ere right and where wrong; is it not possible, en, to derive from a study of the past some guiding principles, if only negative ones, for our Own practice? But for A and B to bellow cocksure affirmations at each other vithout giving any reasons why the personal taste of the one should be accepted more than that of

he other is quite puerile. Some months ago, Mr. Cecil Gray published a tolume on contemporary composers in which, I understand, he laid it down that my own opinions

were 'generally wrong.' The book appeared during my absence in America, and so did not come to me for review. It would, indeed, have been an exceedingly difficult task for me to review it: for if I had ventured to disagree with Mr. Gray on any point, then, on his own admission, I should have been wrong, while if I had agreed with him, that would automatically have put him in the wrong. I cannot imagine a reviewer to be in a position of greater embarrassment. only review of Mr. Gray's book that I read was a short but decisive one by M. André Cœuroy, in La Revue Musicale, and this was very interesting to me because of the light it seemed to throw on subjective criticism:

This book [said M. Cœuroy] does not bore you for a moment, and is often amusing: the author thinks he is a Ravachol, and is only a Homais. \* All the commonplaces of the small bourgeois musician are to be met with here.

M. Cœuroy then gives the reader a hint of what Mr. Gray's opinions are on Stravinsky, Ravel, the French school in general, the 'Six,' &c. He sympathetic':

What is less so is that this book, which, to judge by its title, is a survey of contemporary music, devotes whole chapters to Strauss, Delius, Elgar, Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky, Scriabin, Schönberg, Sibelius, Bartók, Busoni, van Dieren, contains three pages on Puccini, and does not even mention the name of Fauré. However, no great harm is done, for no one will take this comical little book seriously.

Now I am not to be understood as agreeing with everything that M. Cœuroy says. I have read various articles of his, and, able writer as he is, on most matters I think I should be more in agreement with Mr. Gray-if the latter can bear the shock of my saying so. I quote the review only to show the absurdity and the tiresomeness of merely subjective criticism. Mr. Gray could not be more convinced that he is right and M. Cœuroy wrong than the latter is that he is right and Mr. Gray wrong on any point on which the two disagree. What for Mr. Gray is an apodictic certainty is for M. Cœuroy merely comical. In our school-days we used to be invited to try to imagine what would happen if an irresistible force were to meet an immovable body. Our awe at the possible result is nothing to what we feel when the irresistible force is itself an immovable body, and the immovable body another irresistible force, as is the case when two subjective critics lay down the law to each other. Can it be wondered at that the public, tired of all this dogmatic confrontation of one purely personal opinion by another, gives up reading musical criticism as a pure farce that, so to speak, cannot be taken seriously?

<sup>9</sup> The stupid chemist, the type of the self-satisfied bourgeois, in

I make no claim to be any less absurd than my altered all the factors of the problem.\* One colleagues. I too, in my younger days, suffered the points I have tried to establish in my book from a superiority complex, and thought, like Mr. that all the theories, all the calculations of Gray, that the mere fact that anyone differed from period are liable to be upset by the coming of me on a point of art proved him to be wrong. One becomes less confident as one grows older, more inclined to leave to the next generation but two the business of settling who has been right and who wrong in this matter or that. All we can venture to be fairly sure of is that though individuals may be wrong in their judgment of contemporary musical values, the community as a whole is right; the extremes cancel each other out, leaving the commonsense of the majority in permanent possession. This conclusion, I know, is unpalatable to the gentlemen who constitute the extremes, but after hearing all they have to say my original opinion, based as it was on a study of the past, remains undisturbed. Once more let me say that it is only by an anatomy of the dead past that we can hope to get any light upon the perplexing present; there is nothing we can think or say that was not thought or said by our ancestors in the same line of business. Mr. Evans, with his usual passion for ignoring facts and painting pretty but fantastic pictures, divides the critics into two neat parcels, one-a very small one-of 'progressives, the other-a very large one-of 'reactionaries':

One type [he says] clings tenaciously to what is, and therefore dedicates itself to the past, or, at most, to such composers of more recent date in whom the inventive element is not paramount. The other is curious as to what may be, and on the alert for all that offers a hope, however faint, of growth and development.

And so on and so on. It is a pretty picture, but it is based upon a complacent ignorance of the facts, both present and historic. Some of the alert' minds of the past prided themselves on heir 'alertness' as much as Mr. Evans prides himself on his; but we can see now that their alertness' did not guarantee their wisdom in the matter of critical judgment. We call some of these people reactionaries now; to themselves, however, they were the progressives of their time. I cannot give the evidence in detail here. It is a subject for a book rather than an article: but evidence in plenty can be found by any one who, instead of repeating the current cliches about the mistakes of the critics of the past, will take the trouble to get a first-hand acquaintance with the facts. We call Chorley a reactionary, but in his own opinion he was a progressive. He saw Rossini as the daring innovator who was carrying opera to heights hitherto undreamed of, and the new German school as people who, if they had their way, would ruin opera. Chorley was no fool, let me repeat; when we get inside his mind, and also manage to place ourselves at the point of view-or one of the points of view-of his epoch, we see that he thought as hard, and, in his way, as logically, about the problems of his day as any of us are doing about the problems of ours. The trouble has been simply that the commanding genius of Wagner in his great period completely

genius who himself is incalculable, something the cannot possibly be deduced from the general tree of the art at the time-an explosive force aft whose coming music will never be the same again and who consequently makes the problems of his ar bear a very different look to posterity from what the bore to the men of that age. I suggest that the history of previous phenomena of this kind should teach us a lesson in prudence and humility.

To this it may be objected that the 'aler minds that picked out Wagner have justified themselves. I would counter this by saying that equally 'alert' minds have gone lamental wrong, and, believing themselves to be the dari progressives of the day, exist for us now on as melancholy warnings against the vanity prophesying. Suppose I were to tell of a compo of the 19th century who was described by h admirers as the greatest dramatic composer to world had ever seen; a master of expression; creator of heart-searching melodies; the man w for the first time in the history of music, had ma opera a contemporary art, i.e., one that voiced the thoughts, the moods, the aspirations of the be intelligence of the day; the man who, in his rest quest for perfection, found it necessary to be all the older moulds and forge a new drama instrument for himself; a composer so far advance of his time that he had to watch in pers over every detail of the production of his open and create a new type of singer and actor to br out all the subtlety there was in his music: composer whose glory would assuredly grow from generation to generation. Suppose I were to as the reader to guess the name of this marvello He would almost certainly reply composer. 'Wagner.' He would be wrong; it was Meyerber Practically everything that is now said in praise of Wagner was at one time said of him also. It will not do to sneer at the writers who said it; th were quite as intelligent, quite as well-informe as the critics of to-day. We must once more to place ourselves at their point of view. The surveyed the past and the present, and from the forecasted the future; that they were not the ignor muses that modern criticism is inclined to see them is evidenced by the fact that so fastidious musician as Chopin could say that Meyerbeer ha

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> It is constantly forgotten by modern writers upon this subthat they and the earlier critics of Wagner are really talking above quite different Wagners. The Wagner that most of the activities treated so critically—and quite rightly in some respective Wagner of the first period. Schumann, for instance, he nothing of Wagner's later than 'Tannhäuser'. People to day do generally realise that no new opens of Wagner's was produced with Lohengrin. In ISSO and 'Vristan' in 1965. The 'State Street Collowed in 1865. All the earlier crities had to go upon, then, which I am convinced from a study of the documents of the inverte the chief agent in arousing opposition to him. Their arous of his later period that Wagner justified himself: and we are blame the critics of the mid-century for not foreseeing this muddled theoretician of the 'Lohengrin' period would develop' the superb practician of a decade later. The reader should consider these details in his mind when he is reading quotations when selected to show how wrong 'the critics' were about Wagner.

One of 'nade himself immortal' with 'Robert the Devil.' Bid Wagner never been born, perhaps we should my book all be seeing in Meyerbeer something of the gest man he was for his contemporaries. able has simply been that the Wagner dynamite nething that hare has blown that old world of opera skyeneral tren in; and the Meyerbeer partisans who plumed force afte same again temselves on being the progressives of their day ns of his ag now seem to possess the progressiveness only of Again I suggest the necessity for caution. We are all 'alert,' in that m what the the crab. imility and caution. e are all keen to know what is going on around sin music; but to succumb to the vanity of alling ourselves 'progressives' is to claim a forehowledge of the musical history of the next fifty ears or so. Only our posterity can say whether activities have meant progress or notnogress as distinct from fermentation. endencies that we imagine to be progressive may ore to be really no more progressive than those Rossini and Meyerbeer were; they may all be tin the lumber-room by some man of high genius, le Wagner, whose coming no one can predict. But I must stop. The subject is infinite. meno desire to dogmatise; I suggest only doubts nd lines of inquiry. It is impossible to spend

man who ne's life in the practice of criticism without miving at a feeling of doubt about it all; but it s also impossible to go on doing one's work in bubt as to the fundamental principles of it. May suggest once more that it is only from an anatomy the music and the criticism of the past that we m derive any principles at all (and those, perhaps, ostly only negative), and urge upon some student with the necessary leisure the desirability of siting a carefully documented history of musical

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#### THE CORPORACON FOR REGULATEING THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIQUE'

#### By JEFFREY MARK

It has often seemed to me that artists do not ufficiently emphasise the professional nature of their activities. There is something of art in erry profession, but little of profession in any at (Here, of course, I am using 'profession' in the strict sense of the word. I am not tinking, for instance, of 'professional' musicians.) The actual difference between a profession and an at is that the first professes its direct usefulness to the community, and insists, therefore, on a scheme for the support of its individual members, thereas artists are simply content to 'go on,' and casionally appeal for interest and reward. loctors and lawyers, for instance, have imposed themselves on humanity at large in a truly emarkable manner. They have managed to essuade people outside the mystery of their Pactice that what they do is absolutely necessary or their safety and comfort. What is more, they have an organization behind them which, although

of advertisement, is yet able to persuade us to a conviction about anything else it can possibly conceive as 'necessary' or 'beneficial.'

Musicians would benefit considerably, in material matters, if only they would adopt some of the methods of the lawyers and doctors. I do not recommend that they should do so, but only say that this would be the result. Even if they began to insist on the dignity of their profession, and, among other things, to cut away all musical quacks and cheap-jacks from the sacred circle of qualified practitioners, it is fairly certain that the best of musicians would still remain outside that circle.

This preamble, irrelevant as it may seem, will serve to bring to notice a 17th-century effort in this direction, evidences of which I came across in the British Museum (Harleian MSS. 1911), about a year ago. This is a book of Minutes relating to the meetings of 'The Corporacon for Regulateing the Art and Science of Musique, re-founded, apparently, by Charles I., and containing direct evidence of its activities intermittently

between 1661 and 1679.

The intention behind the work of the Corporation was no new one. The unattached minstrel had been a problem for two or three centuries. As early as 1469, Edward IV., finding that all sorts of greasy knaves were earning good livings under the colour of his own livery, established a Guild of Minstrels to restrain all unqualified songsters and instrumentalists, and insisting that all such should practise at home until they were considered sufficiently expert. When they attained to the pass standard, they were admitted to the Guild on payment of 3s. 4d. Similarly, the series of severe ordinances against strolling players, minstrels, tumblers, and the like, culminating in the famous Act of Elizabeth classing them as 'rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggars,' was not only designed as a necessary measure for the public safety, but was brought about to some extent, at least, by pressure from the professional classes of musicians, whose fears for the dignity of their profession were strengthened (as in the case of the doctors and lawyers to-day) by the more powerful contingency that these nondescripts were capable of influencing the security of their own livelihood.

It would be interesting to trace the various stages in the struggle between licensed and unlicensed musicians, and to determine to what extent music was professionally developed between, say, 1300 and 1700. Much of the evidence as to minstrel guilds, town waits, and the various bodies of private (i.e., noblemen's) musicians will be found in E. K. Chambers's 'The Mediæval Stage' (vol i., chap. 3). Here it will be sufficient to say that a good deal was done in this direction even before 1469, and that everything points to a conclusion that Edward's Guild continued its existence, intermittently and in rather a vague way, right up to the time of Charles I., when the Corporacon was definitely re-founded.

I have not been able to find anything (indeed I disdains to use the more ordinary methods have not looked) as to the doings of the new

well, as I can see already that an account of its came under its censure rather heavily, when activities even in Charles II.'s time will take up a

good deal of space.

It is interesting to note, at the outset, that Edward IV.'s original foundation-a Marshal, two Wardens, and an Assistant-still holds good in Charles's Corporation, the only difference being an increase to five, six, or more in the number of Assistants. This in itself is fair evidence as to some sort of continuity. The first date under which Minutes are recorded is October 21, 1661, and from then until July 12, 1664, they are signed by the Marshal only, Nicholas Lanier (who received his appointment under Charles I.), or by (Captain) Henry Cooke (Deputy-Marshal). There is a gap between this early date and June 24, 1662, when

. . . ordered that John Hingston and George Hudson are chosen Wardens . . . (and that) Assistants shall pay five ppounds for their Admission.

It is evident either that the Corporation met at irregular intervals, or that Minutes were taken haphazardly, or perhaps only when business of some importance was transacted. The meetings for the most part would seem to have been

. . holden at Durham Yeard in the Strand in the County of Midd.,

as appears in an entry:

Upon the 31st day of August in the nineteenth year of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the

although on two occasions they were 'holden in Yorke buildings,' and on two others 'at ye 3 tunns

The third record of a meeting is on June 27, 1662, while on October 28, 1662:

Henry Cooke, Charles Colman, Christopher Gibbons, Matthew Lock [were] nominated Assistants,

On October 23, it was decided that

. . . Thomas Laniere be chosen and admitted Assistant in the Roome and place of Henry Lawes

The next meeting recorded is on January 13, 1663, and a week later we come across the first evidence of the Corporation's disciplinary activities, when it was

ordered that Edward Sadler for his insufficientie in the Art of Musique be from Henceforward Silented and disabled from the Exercise of any kinde in publique houses or meetings:

-which would seem to indicate that the officers took a very wide view of their activities. Other cases, however, had already been dealt with, or at any rate summoned to appear before them, for under the same date it was

Corporation before 1660. Perhaps this is just as of a respectable family of organists (Wanlesse\*

. . ordered by the Marshall, Wardens and Assistants of the Art and Science of Musique that Joseph Galloway, John Howard, Thomas Wanlesse, and Thomas [Helgele?] be and are hearby fined for their non appearance upon sumons three poundes each person.

Evidently about this time the officers began to feel the strain of controlling such offenders too much for them, for at the same meeting it was resolved

that Mr. Richard Graham be ordered their Solisotter at Law to be imployed from tyme to tyme accordingly as there shall be occasion for him.

Possibly the hiring of the new 'Solisotter' had some effect, for a fortnight later (February 17) we find the refractory Mosse under a still more ponder able indictment:

Ordered by the Marshall, Wardens and Assistants for Regulateing of those that doo use, exercise or teach Musique that John Mosse of London: for his contempt in not appearing before them upon severall sumons be and is hearby find the sum of three pounds.

A meeting is recorded on February 24, then there is a sudden gap until November in when, no doubt, the winter sessions began. On November 24, it is noted that

Whereas Symon Hopper one of the Assistants to the Corporacon of Musique, surrenders his Interest in the same, it is ordered that John Bannister be and is hearby elected to his Roome and place.

Meetings were continued through December and 15, and then held over into the New Year, when, on January 13, 1664, it was ordered that

... Matthew Lock, Chr. Gibbons, Doctr. Charles Colman and William Gregory ... do come to the Chamber at Durham Yeard on Tewsday next at too of the Clock in the Afternoon and to bring each of them four poundds or to show cause to the Contrary.

Evidently then, as now, subscriptions were very hard to gather in, for on March 23 we find a resolution to the effect that

, those of the said Corporacon that have not paid in their five pounds a man do bring it each of them on Wensday next for the use of the Coporacon . . . and if any faile the Corp. . . . do proceed to an election of others in his or there Roomes and places.

On March 1, it had already been decided that ... their be a peticon drawne and presented to the Kings Matic for the Renewing of their former patent.

And they were fortunate in getting the Royal confirmation very quickly. Meetings are recorded on April 20 and June 21, but on June 24.

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On June 24, John Bannister and John Lilly reappointed Wardens. Next comes a misplaced wunder the date March 31, that

Henry Cooke and George Hudson, John Hingston and John Lilly doe meete fower of the musique of the tie of London to treat upon such Matters and things s concerne the good of the said Corporacon.

On June 28, it was ordered that

. John S[. . .]er and his Company doe appeare eiore this Corporacon.

an entry, under July 2, gives us an inkling s to how the practical examinations as to affitientie' were carried on :

That Richard Hudson doe sumon all the comon Minstrell from tyme to tyme before the Corporacon and also to sumon all such as have been approved

which would seem to suggest that once a musician dattained to the pass standard, the Corporation isted on his keeping his technique up to scratch. Under July 9, we read that

Mr. Thomas [Purc]:11 be and is hearby chosen . . . ssistant in the roome and place of Dr. Charles Colman deceased.

Apparently, also, the Corporation exercised me sort of professional supervision over the Musicians, for on July 9, 1664, it was dered that

all his Maties Musique doe give their menlance at the Chamber at Durham Yeard for pactise of Musique when the Master of the Musique fall appoyent them upon forfeature of 5d each

Another meeting is recorded three days later, at a big gap appears between this date and mary 21, 1671. In the interval, Cooke had come Marshall-probably in 1666, when Lanier led. The new records begin with the following mouncement, that

Mr. Pelham Humfrey be and is hearby chosen are of the Assistants of ye Corporacon of Musique in the Roome and place of Gregory Thorndon deceased.

The Minutes are signed as follows: Henry Cooke, Marshall; John Hingston, George Hudson, and John Lillie, Wardens. From this time onwards records become very scrappy and perfunctory. leetings were held on February 3, 1672 (when Hingston became Deputy-Marshall), on March 2, cceeded by Thomas Purcell, the uncle of In July 9, 1664.) The Minutes under this last them found it worth their while, for one reason or

date bear the following signatures: John Hingston, Dept.-Marshall; Hum. Madge and Pell. Humfrey, Wardens; Antoni Robert, George Hudson, John Strong, John Lillie, John Rogers, Alphonso Marsh, John Harding, Assistants.

On July 18, John Blow was appointed an Assistant; on December 19, we read 'George Hudson deceased'; and on June 26, 1673, John Blow and William Gregory sign as Wardens. There are mere records of meetings on December 4, 1673, and on June 24, 1674. On July 23, Wm. Gregory signs as Marshall, and John Hingston and Robt. Strong as Wardens. Meetings are noted on April 16, 1675; June 24, 1675; December 17, 1675; and January 10, 1676. Under the December date we read:

Nicholas Staggins chosen Assistant and admitted Deputy-Marshall.

Staggins, the composer of the music to Dryden's 'Conquest of Granada,' was later to become Master of the King's Music. Although a musician of little ability, he early gained the favour of Charles II., and his immediate appointment to Deputy-Marshall was no doubt directly due to the King's influence.

The remaining dates of meetings are as follows: July 1, July 6, September 9, September 21, December 7 (1676); January 4, February 8, June 25, December 6 (1677); June 24, 1678 ('holden in Yorke buildings'); June 24 and July 20, 1679 (both 'holden at ye 3 tunns Talvern'). No Minutes are recorded on any of these dates.

Whether or not the '3 tunns' proved too much for the discipline of the Corporation is not known. but it is certain that no meetings of the Marshall, Wardens, and Assistants are recorded after these two. At the back of the book, however, are a few entries 'made the 24th July, 1668,' by the Clerk of the Corporation, relating to the payment of 'quartridges' as below:

Mr. Hazard ) pd. their quartridges till Midsomer Mr. Galloway ) day last.

Mr. Jaques pd. allsoe till the 24th of June, 1668. Mr. John [Warren?] pd. allsoe till 24th June last.

Mr. Lowe pd. his quartridges untill the 29th Sept., 68.

The difficulty of getting in quarterly dues from the members of the Corporation has already been referred to, and the only other entries in the book relate to this same matter. Under date August 31, 1679, are noted 'certain Acts and Orders at an Assembly of the Marshall, Wardens, and Assistants of the Science of Musique,' whereby members who had defaulted were fined 'fforty shillings' for 'refusal to pay' and 'contempt.'

The contents of this Minute-book have been given here in some detail. The book is valuable and on June 24, when Henry Cooke, 'by reason in that it contains a direct record, in part, of the sicknesse unable to attend the businesse of the activities of most of the principal musicians we opporacon, resigned his position, and was know of between the time of the last of the accepted by Thomas Purcell, the uncle of great 'Elizabethans' and the rise of Purcell. It enry Purcell. (Thomas became an Assistant is remarkable how many of the better-known of

At best, it was not a great period for music pro- three- or four-in-hand melodic teams run smoothly duction, and it is arguable that D'Urfey and together, the result frequently led to confusion and Playford did more for music than the whole of intolerable clashing of the various voices. Beyond them put together; but the Corporation, with all question, the faux-bourdon helped greatly to John Bannister, Captain Cooke, Charles Colman, clarify the harmony of polyphony, and to secure Christopher Gibbons, John Hingston, Pelham greater artistic unity. Before long, as in the case Humfrey, Nicholas and Thomas Lanier, Henry of the Organum, its strict parallelism was broken Lawes, Matthew Locke, Thomas Purcell, and and contrary as well as similar motion was Nicholas Staggins acting for it, certainly got the introduced. It is highly significant that one of pick of the bunch. Thinking rapidly over the the principal factors in bringing about such a period, the names of George Jeffries, Christopher Simpson, and John Jenkins are the only ones which occur to me as missing, and of these, Jeffries was too busy otherwise (he was steward to Lord Hatton of Kirby, and a prolific composer besides), while Simpson is chiefly known as a theorist (his famous 'Division Violist' was first published in 1659).

The Corporation is chiefly interesting, however, because of the nature of its activities—particularly in that of restraining musicians from performing by reason of their insuffitientie.' It is possible that some such Corporation will be formed again.

There will be the old blind (to some extent true, of course) about the purpose and dignity of the profession, but the chief care will be—as always-the maintenance of a system securing There adequate remuneration for the members. are many ways of doing this, besides the stigmatising of quacks and cheap-jacks-it would be an interesting thing to draw up a list of practices possible to professional musicians as a parallel to those already established by the doctors and lawyers. However, I have no space to tell.

It will be a sorry day in many ways! But there are geese and swans in every profession and in every art. In music, at any rate, the swans still live largely on their inspiration, and the geese are an underfed and scraggy-looking lot-there is, indeed, little corn for either. The geese would become better fed. better looking, and more aggressive probably; and perhaps the swans would be left with more opportunity and more leisure-to sing!

# THE NATURE OF HARMONY

BY MATTHEW SHIRLAW

(Concluded from September number, page 795.)

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The Faux-bourdon, with its parallel thirds and sixths, does not of course constitute a true polyphony. For this, independence of the parts, diversity, is necessary: a diversity, however, that can be gathered up into an all-comprehending unity or harmony. In the polyphonic music of the 13th and part of the 14th centuries, while diversity exists in abundance, the union of the diverse elements in an appropriate harmony is still evidently a matter of considerable difficulty.

another, to act on the Corporation in some capacity. Although composers did their best to make their change was the Cadence:



device that Another was a contains, Prof. Wooldridge has remarked,\* the obvious suggestion of an important principle which perhaps more than any other has contributed to the formation of modern music, viz., the harmonic bass. Thus while the two upper voices in Ex. 2 move in parallel thirds, the lowest voice seeks for the most part the bass or fundamental note of the harmonic triad:



The influence of the faux-bourdon on the further development of polyphonic music was widespread and powerful. Faux-bourdons continued to be composed and written up to and even after the culminating polyphonic epoch of Palestrina and Lassus. The famous 'Miserere of Gregorio Allegri consisted in large part of music written in this style. Nor did the principle of harmonic parallelism decay with the overthrow of the old polyphony. We find it flourishing in the new art that began to develop in the 17th century. Abundant examples of its employment may be discovered not only in the works of Scarlatti, Corelli, Handel, or in those of their contemporaries and immediate successors, but also in the works of composers right up to our own day. In new forms, and consisting of dissonant as well as consonant intervals, it presents one of the most characteristic features of 'modern' harmony.

The following example from Strauss's 'Elektra' differs in no respect from the ancient organum of faux-bourdon except with regard to the dissonances employed and its use of the chromatic instead of the diatonic scale:

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This is sufficiently obvious. Fairly obvious, also, she composer's reason for tearing the ear with soything so violently discordant. Discord, even harsh discord, is not infrequently æsthetically istifiable, so long as the composer is able to neserve a due sense of proportion, and to Let the passage be played as below: remember that realism is not always necessarily mistic. What is not so obvious, however, is the nanner in which Strauss arrives at such a superiscord. He first uses the chord as follows:



If this chord be played with the omission of its brest note, we hear a harmonic formation that is uite familiar to us. It corresponds with what we know as the last inversion of a dominant 7th chord. The fact that Strauss employs the notation he does is of little moment. He writes exactly the same chord later as b, at et gt, and at a different pitch as f g b d. And if the passage in Ex. 3 the fifth harmonic sound above e, viz., g, will be even cloying in effect. What, then, of the lowest mlearned explanations we may advance in order same in every respect as the first. to account for this sound (and of course the full later), the simple fact remains that it is actually satisfy the most ardent Debussyite: heard, whether placed in the score or not, as the combination tone resulting from the sounds Ex. 9 the two extreme sounds of the chord 诗诗诗:



And when Strauss first writes the chord (se Ex. 4) he takes care to place its lowest note exactly where we hear it as a resultant sound. Every one who has conducted an orchestral tehearsal is but too well aware of the existence of such sounds, for they are sometimes very impleasantly prominent. Strauss's method of procedure differs in no respect from that of the old discanters of the organum, except that with a lamiliar harmonic formation already present, he adds to this a lower resultant instead of a higher harmonic sound.

The same in principle, except that the harmonies do not proceed by successive degrees of the scale, is the following by Debussy, from his 'Pelleas et





and it will be found that we have a succession of perfectly familiar chords. The harmonic basis of the first chord is simply ceg. Now if the sounds  $c \in (\text{or the inversion } e c) \text{ be played}:$ 



beplayed with the lowest note omitted, we have a heard very distinctly. Although he writes it as ab, chromatic succession of such chords, sweet and this is the sound that Debussy uses instead of the more familiar g, the third harmonic sound of c. sound of the chord. Whatever learned or And similarly with the other chords, which are the

Our last example of harmonic parallelism, from import of such chords can only be discussed the same music-drama, is characteristic enough to



At first sight it appears to be entirely different in character from the other examples, seeing that it exhibits contrary, not similar, motion throughout. A glance at Ex. 10, however, informs us of the real nature and explanation of the passage:



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It is indeed nothing more succession of chords on a descending chromatic some dim region external to himself, as the French scale. Debussy's discord here is the same as in Ex. 6. scientist is said to have searched the heavens with The first chord is familiar to us in the form eg# bd. his telescope, finds it at length in his own heart, so For b, however, Debussy substitutes c, really but, we have learned to recognise that the source of the the fifth upper partial of the sound g#. The consonances, and therefore of harmony, resides in chords which follow are exactly the same in musical sound itself, and in its resonance. The motion in what is in reality a parallel harmonic all the consonances, and at the same time the succession is extremely ingenious, but not new. major harmony. This is one of the only two Chopin gives an instance of it in his Pianoforte consonant harmonies used in music. Study in E major, Op. 10, No. 3, bars 38-42, and the minor harmony. We know enough, it may be again in bars 47-53, where we find a descending said, concerning the major harmony; let us now succession of chords of the diminished seventh. turn to the minor, and then get on with the explana-But in fact the device of using familiar things in tion of the dissonant chords. an unfamiliar way, of producing an original, even however, have too frequently assumed that the a startlingly original, effect by means of well-worn principal difficulty in harmonic theory is the chords and tiresomely conventional harmonic explanation of these dissonant chords. The successions, is at least as old as the time of Bach major and minor harmonies, presumably, need no and Handel. It is an effect that is mightiest in explanation! Kirnberger, J. S. Bach's pupil, who the hands of the mightiest, for, as is often said, it sets out to explain the mysteries of the key system. is an attribute of genius to produce great effects by and of chord formation, blandly informs us that we simple means. A passage that must have appeared may place a triad on each degree of the scale, quite somewhat daring to Beethoven's contemporaries is evidently unaware of the nature of the problems to be found in a comparatively early Pianoforte he has set himself to deal with. He regards the Sonata by that master, viz., the Sonata, Op. 26, in diminished triad as consonant; although he does An major:



Transposed to the key of A minor, the simple explanation of this is as follows:



methods of the old discanters of the organum agree perfectly consonant than the thirds, represented with those of such modern composers as Strauss by the proportions 4:5 and 5:6. Some and Debussy, especially with regard to the requisi- connection exists, then, between smoothness or tion of partial tones for the purposes of chord perfection of consonance and simplicity of proformation. Solvitur ambulando. Let the musical portion. sound be produced, and harmony begins to reveal scarcely be avoided. Music and mathematics' itself. Or, in an ethical sense, as Carlyle puts it It is true that ratios, proportions, mathematical do the duty that lies nearest thee: thy next duty has formulæ, do influence us in a material way. The thereby already become clearer.' The source of the scientist or chemist who is unfortunate enough to consonances is no longer a mystery. Early peoples make a mistake in his proportions may be suddenly attributed to their music a divine origin. But just sent flying through the roof of his laboratory.

than a parallel as man, abandoning his search for the divine in Debussy's employment of contrary first six partial tones of the harmonic series produce Writers on harmony, not tell us that the major second, as de, or the minor second, e f, and still less all three, blend together in consonance, or dwell together in unity.

Just as dissonant intervals arise from consonant intervals, and cannot be accurately determined otherwise, so dissonant chords arise from consonant chords. It is therefore waste of time to attempt to explain the former until we have ascertained the nature of the consonant chords from which they

spring.

What we know of the nature of consonance is of a negative rather than of a positive character. In his 'Sensations of Tone,' Helmholtz explains consonance as due to the absence, or comparative absence, of beats. This is a distinct, if not an entirely original contribution to our knowledge of this subject, and we cannot well object that it does not inform us what consonance is, but rather what it is not. Consonance may be of such a nature that it does not admit of a positive explanation. Already, in the 16th century, Gioseffo Zarlino perceived clearly that the perfection, or, as Helmholtz would say, the smoothness of a consonance depended on its nearness to the fundamental tone represented by unity. Thus the octave and fifth, represented by It is extremely interesting to observe how the the proportions 1:2 and 2:3, were more But here a feeling of scepticism can

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and if we are doubtful as to whether proportion can affect us æsthetically, can produce in us a sense of the beautiful or of its opposite, the ugly, we need only recall our first impressions of the Alos or of the Apollo Belvedere; or to go to the other extreme, the streets in some of our large towns. But music and arithmetic! Lives there a man with soul so dead as to relate the one to the other? Not the musician: perhaps not even the mathematician. Certainly not the writer of this article. But, alas! how small is the step from the sublime to the ridiculous! For do we not find that one of the first and most necessary duties of a conductor is the working out of certain simple arithmetical calculations, the results of which he communicates to the orchestra by means of a small baton: in other words, he must count 2, 3, 4, &c., in a bar, and this he does perhaps a few thousand times during the performance? Of course! 'How sour sweet music is, when time is lost and no proportion kept.' Even if it be admitted that we cannot hope to find in proportions the ultimate explanation of consonance, f indeed it be possible to find the ultimate explanation of anything, we cannot afford to neglect them, in so far as they are capable of shedding some light on an obscure and difficult

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Proportion in music undoubtedly has an æsthetic significance, and produces in us an æsthetic effect. Musical sound itself has its birth in proportion, and it is just this proportion that differentiates it from noise. In musical sound, the aerial vibrations must be periodic, must fall on the ear at regular intervals. And in the intervals which form part of the resonance of musical sound, such a periodicity also obtains. Now it is a remarkable fact that the proportions existing in harmonic resonance reproduce themselves in various ways in musical rhythm. Thus the proportion of the octave, 1:2, is found again in the bar of two beats, as  $\frac{2}{4}$ 

the minim, or the accented beat, represents the fundamental sound, or first term of the proportion 1:2, and the two crotchets the second term. We have here, in fact, in the beats or impulses of the bar of duple time, only a reproduction of what already exists in the sound vibrations of the octave, but taken at a greatly slower rate of speed. Conversely, were it possible to perform, or tap the leats in such a bar at the rate of fifty to a hundred beats a second, we should hear the interval of the octave. And we might proceed in a similar way with 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, &c., beats in a bar. The bar of three beats, appreciated without difficulty by us, is nevertheless not quite so obvious a rhythmical construction, is not apprehended by our rhythmical sense quite so immediately and directly, as the duple bar. This fact may be readily appreciated if, using hands or feet in a regular succession of right and left, and taking due care to emphasise thus marking out a few bars of duple, and there-

is the following. If we compare Exx. 13 and 14, we find that while in the former the two bars readily combine so as to form a fresh and larger rhythmical organism, the latter presents slightly more difficulty to our rhythmical sense, and the three-bar phrase is not so readily appreciated as a rhythmical



Indeed, Dr. Riemann and Prof. Prout consider such a phrase to be in reality a truncated four-bar phrase. Not many musicians will agree with them. On the other hand, such authorities cannot be lightly set aside. Only those who have investigated this subject of rhythm are fully acquainted with its difficulties.

The binary division and binary grouping appeal most directly to our sense of rhythm, and this is reflected in musical notation itself. Thus a crotchet is equal in time-value to two quavers, and is itself the half of a minim; and so with other note-values. For the division of a note into three equal parts a special sign is necessary—the dot. And such a primary predisposition towards a binary grouping may be observed in triple time itself. Hauptmann, in his 'Harmony and Metre,' after remarking that the three-part in time is not metrically intelligible as a succession of three members strung together, explains the rhythm of three beats as brought about by an interlacing of two and two, as indicated by the following diagram:



Hauptmann's views correspond in alarming fashion with those of Riemann and others, for just as these authorities consider the three-bar phrase to be in reality a truncated four-bar phrase, so does Hauptmann consider triple time to be a truncated quadruple time, arising from the interlacing or overlapping of two duple bars. Other writers of consequence, some of whom have made a particular study of the nature of rhythm—e.g., R. Westphal, in his 'Theorie der Rhythmik' -are of a similar opinion. And certainly Hauptmann's views on the subject of ternary rhythm are infinitely to be preferred to those of writers who have no difficulty in accepting such a rhythm as being as direct, simple, elemental, as binary rhythm and grouping itself. Somehow, in the accented beat, we compare our sensations in some way, the binary element appears to enter into, perhaps even is the ultimate source of, the after a few bars of triple time. Another means of ternary rhythmical structure. On the other hand, noting the peculiar æsthetic effect of a triple rhythm | the explanation of such a structure as arising from

a quadruple rhythm, one of whose members has been lopped off, does not satisfy us as to the real basis of our entire system of time-signatures, simple

nature of this rhythm.

general, and for melody, harmony, and consonance a larger binary structure. Similarly 9-8 time is a in particular, that the writer may be permitted to advance the following considerations in an attempt be regarded as being evolved from 3.4 time by to throw some additional light on the problem. In the binary measure, as consisting of an accented followed by an unaccented beat, we find a proportion of 2:1; that is, two crotchets are heard against the minim which represents the complete bar. Now there is a natural tendency, especially in folk-music, to emphasise the accented Thus: note by lengthening it.



becomes:



In such a simple fashion there emerges from the binary construction something new-the ternary measure. And both arise from one and the same proportion 2:1, for in the ternary measure, as • the minim has twice the time-value of the crotchet. The whole process is displayed in the clearest possible manner in verse. In the poetical foot of two syllables, consisting of an accented followed by an unaccented syllable, i.e., the trochee, we have a metrical arrangement that corresponds to our bar of two beats. trochee may therefore appear in musical notation But in trochaic naturally the accented syllable is emphasised by lengthening it. Even as children we recited the appalling tragedy of Jack and Jill in a lilting triple, not duple, measure:

and this lilting kind of measure is characteristic of many of the oldest melodies in triple time that

The remarkable fact, then, stands out clearly: ternary, as well as binary, rhythm arises from one and the same proportion, 1:2 or 2:1. But in its evolution from such a proportion the ternary measure does not appear as a truncated quadruple, or a distorted duple measure: its true nature is revealed, and it appears as a new and fresh rhythmical formation. The whole process is as simple as it is natural, and it is possible to regard its very simplicity as evidence of its truth. may also be pointed out that in our musical notation, where the binary principle prevails, and where the ternary division of a note has to be indicated by means of a dot, such a dotted notee.g., -- represents a minim and a half, that is, the proportion 2:1.

These simple duple and triple rhythms form the and compound. Thus 4-4 time consists of two So important is this question for rhythm in bars of 2-4 time grouped in such a way as to form grouping of three bars of 3-8 time, or it may means of a ternary division of the beat. In the bar of 5-4 time, as in that of 7-4, the grouping is not that of equals but of unequals. Still the simple and duple times form the basis of even such groupings, for in 5 time the grouping is 2+3, or 3+2, and in 7 time 3+4 or 4+3. But inasmuch as 4 admits of a binary division into 2+2, other groupings are possible. The bearing of all this on the question of consonance, the intimate relationship existing between consonance, rhythm, and proportion, and the effect on the ear of the various intervals as they arise in the harmonic series, has perhaps already been grasped by the reader: for if such rhythms as

and so on, could be performed at a greatly accelerated pace, say, at the rate of 100 to 200 beats or vibrations a second—and it is possible by means of such an acoustical instrument as the syren-we would hear the musical intervals corresponding to these proportions. And conversely, if the rates of vibration of the various intervals that arise in the harmonic series were correspondingly reduced, we should hear successive bars of 2-4, 3-4, 5-4, &c., times. Is it possible to doubt that an intimate connection exists between rhythms expressed by time-signatures such as 2-4, 3-4, 7-4, 11-4, &c., and the musical intervals corresponding to these proportions?

#### Ad Libitum

By 'FESTE'

Having recently said a good deal on choralism, I had intended keeping off the subject for a time. I feel, however, that some frank things have to be said on the Leeds Festival Choir's performance of Holst's 'Choral' Symphony at the recent Philharmonic concert, and, at the risk of boring some readers and offending others, I am going to say It is a lonely and unpopular job, and will them. no doubt bring me a shower of half-bricks and accusations of partisanship and cantankerousness; but no matter. My head will probably be bloody; I will undertake to keep it unbowed.

There was a curious difference of critical opinion as to the relative merit of the Leeds and London performances of the Holst work. Reading between the lines, it appears that the verdict depended largely on whether the critic's standard in choral singing was as exacting as it ought to be in the case of a choir so drastically chosen and intensively There is no injustice trained as the Leeds body.

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ndemanding from such a choir a technical perfecion, a dynamic range, and a beauty of tone that se expect from a professional orchestra. Very for critics set the public a lead in making such demands, and the result is seen in the absence a standard on the part of the average audience. was not present at the Leeds performance, so I an make no comparisons. But if the eulogies that greeted the singing in the Holst work at Leeds were well founded (as they seem to have been), am disposed to believe those who say that the london performance showed a marked falling-off: for the singing at Queen's Hall, judged by the gandard mentioned above, was far from good. It as not even note-perfect. There were some poor ads, several moments when the ensemble was staky, and at least one passage in which a part failed mmoletely-on p. 62 of the vocal score, where the mezzo-soprano lead at bar 4 was inaudible. The diction was less incisive than we had been led to expect, and the monotoned recitative in the Prelude was disappointing in its failure to achieve the perfect manimity and subtlety of verbal accentuation on shich the passage largely depends. Only occasionlly throughout the work were the words clearly adible, and in the Scherzo there was not only a mant of clearness, but also of alertness. There were some truly thrilling climaxes, of course, and it is mpossible to avoid a conclusion that audiences and even some critics) are as easily and obviously hamboozled by a shattering choral fff as the groundlings at a ballad concert are by a singer's high note. Both feats seem to be readily accepted is a set-off against a good number of faults.

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But what of the other end of the dynamic Where were the pianissimos, even the pianos! Ernest Newman did not exaggerate when he said that the singers gave us instead a hefty Vorkshire forte.' The Times report suggested that the choir was too big for the Ode on a Grecian Urn.' Certainly this movement would be better suited by a small force, but a Leeds Festival Choir ought to be able to moderate its transports and give us at least an approach to the intimate style the Ode demands. We do not find it necessary to silence four-fifths of an orchestra in order to obtain pianissimos and intimacy. A big choir, no less than a full orchestra, ought to be able to cover all the ground from a whisper to the loudest ever. The Leeds singers were at their best-and a very fine best it when concerned with the butt end of the wedge; at the other end they were disappointing. Apropos of this, John Graham, in the Musical News and Herald, says:

I only wished that when the score was marked down to pape I could have heard the clock tick as I have heard it in Yorkshire rehearsals long ago.

In regard to quality of tone it is significant that whereas no critic, so far as I recall, found it notable for beauty, several made adverse comment. Mr. Graham wrote that the contraltos:

. . . seemed to magnify the usual defect of solo vocalists of similar compass, white quality above and dark in the flow register, intensified in the blanching of open vowels.

This is what I felt even before the Holst began. 'Jerusalem' and the National Anthem were quite enough to show the altos to be lacking in unity of tone, and the defect became even more apparent when the difficulties of the Holst work had to be dealt with. Mr. Graham considers that the sopranos had 'a floating quality in their first freshness; later the tone hardens'; E. C. Rose, another Musical News writer, found the choir 'brilliant, if somewhat hard.' Everybody seems to be agreed that the basses were fine.

I doubt if many will be found to dispute the above criticisms, and I quote them for two reasons. First, it is only fair to Holst that those who were disappointed with his 'Choral' Symphony at Queen's Hall should realise that the performance did the work a good deal less than justice. Second, I have so often groused at certain defects in Yorkshire choralism that I am glad to bring forward some support for views that may have been regarded as prejudiced or faddish. My conscience is clear on both points. After reading the glowing reports of the choral work at the Leeds Festival, I went to Queen's Hall prepared to be enthusiastic. Instead, I was disappointed. I heard a magnificent lot of voices, but a choir with curious limitations and lacking in vision and subtlety. I don't know any choir that could sing so loudly, or that could so brilliantly meet the physical demands of the Ninth Symphony; but I know several in various parts of the country that could show more musicianship, alertness, and appeal. The fact is, either the choir or the conductor, or both, took their task too lightly. The singers left Leeds before eight in the morning, and most of them must have risen before any but the most foolish and restless of larks. The Huddersfield contingent, I understand, left before 5 a.m.!) They reached London at 1.30, rehearsed the Ninth Symphony, but not the Holst-at all events, only a bit of it, and that without orchestra; went straight off and spent the interval till tea-time making gramophone records; took tea, and went to Queen's Hall to dress for the concert. This is not the way to ensure a first-rate performance of a new and exacting work. The Holst Symphony ought to have been rehearsed thoroughly. A performance, however good, at Leeds some weeks earlier, was no guarantee of similar success at Queen's Hall, especially after the fatigues of the journey, and in a hall that was unfamiliar to many of the singers. Despite the eulogies in the press, no one who heard the subsequent discussions of the performance can avoid the conclusion that the prestige of Yorkshire singing had suffered a nasty jar. However good the choir may have been at the Leeds Festival and with such splendid material it might well have been superlative), it was nothing to write home about at Queen's Hall. If, as Mr. Newman says Yorkshire choirs are far below their best

when singing in London, the explanation lies in the fatigue of the journey and the shortage of sleep on the night before. Let us hope, for their sake and ours, that when they come again the travelling may be got over on the preceding day.

It happened that two days after this Queen's Hall performance I spent a day listening to competitive choirs at Nottingham. For the second year in succession I was struck by the sheer beauty of tone in female, male, and mixed choirs. I have heard nothing in Lancashire or Yorkshire to beat the pick of the Midland bodies for lovely, expressive quality. They can achieve a pianissimo too, and-a prime virtuethey rarely, if ever, sacrifice quality to quantity. The music they sang was only moderately difficult, it is true, but that does not affect the point. They have the instrument: a pure, unified, expressive, and well-coloured tone, and when a choir is so equipped, all other things shall be added unto it. In a word, we ought to withhold superlatives from any choir that cannot give us pretty much the same command of tonal beauty, colour, variety, and nuance that we expect from a solo singer of the front rank; and when we are as critical as we ought to be in regard to choralism. we shall refuse to be satisfied with thrilling climaxes and feats of virtuosity in the Finale of the Ninth Symphony. We want these, of course, but they represent only one part of a choir's equipment, and the part that, in an unusually powerful set of voices, is most easily attained.

In the October issue of Vogue appeared an article by Miss Edith Sitwell on 'The Work of Gertrude Stein, a Modern Writer who brings Literature nearer to the apparently irrational World of Music.' The interest of Miss Sitwell's article lies chiefly in that it shows certain of the extremist composers to be not alone in their amusing pretences to originality, and their methods of work. Thus, one would have regarded it as an obvious and accepted fact that a poet worthy the name always considered, not only the sense of his chosen words, but also their sound, singly and in combination. That is one of the prime differences between poetry and prose. Thus (to take two lines that at once come to mind) when Milton wrote:

And birds of calm sit brooding on the charmed wave, and Kipling:

And we drowsed the long tides idle till Thy trumpets tore the sea.

their choice of words was not guided by considerations of sense and metre only. They had their eye on euphony as well, and so gave us lines that we can enjoy as mere sound. But according to Miss Sitwell, this ingredient of poetry has just been discovered, or revived, by Gertrude Stein:

Miss Gertrude Stein is, I am convinced, one of the most important living pioneers, quite apart from the intrinsic value of her work. Language had come to be a threadbare thing, too tired to move—with words grouped together in their predestined families, bloodless and timid. Miss Stein brings back life to these dead creatures by what appears to us, when we read her

first, as an anarchic process. First she breaks down the predestined groups of these words—their sleepy family habits; then she rebrightens their use by building them into fresh shapes.

Mutatis mutandis, naven't we heard something like this claimed on behalf of such composers as 'The Six,' and others?:

Then, too, she is making new discoveries in what my friend Mr. Robert Graves calls texture. In his book, 'Contemporary Techniques of Poetry,' published by the Hogarth Press, Mr. Graves defines texture thus: 'The term "texture" covers the relations of a poem's vowels and consonants, other than rhymes, considered as mere sound, and supplementing the rhythm and images. It will . . . include the variation of internal vowel-sounds to give an effect of richness; the use, perhaps, of liquid consonants and labials and open vowels to give smoothness, of aspirates and dentals to give force, of gutturals to give strength; the careful use of sibilants, which are to texture what salt is to food.' Miss Stein is making inquiries in the exact result which is to be obtained from this rough material.

Miss Stein need not search far in her inquiries. Any collection of poetry, old or new, will provide plenty of examples of all the points mentioned by Mr. Hogarth. Miss Sitwell admits that Miss Stein 'is, at present, mainly a writer's writer-and often exceedingly difficult at that. When, however, she goes on to claim that 'it is worth any amount of tiring work, to a writer, to come to understand her,' most of us will part company with her. The main difficulty, we are told, is that we are 'unaccustomed to abstract patterns being built of words, though we have long been accustomed to abstract patterns in the pictorial art and in music.' Precisely; but music is not concerned with the expression of definite ideas, and pictures only occasionally; whereas such expression is the prime function of words. Miss Sitwell goes on to explain that by abstract patterns in words she means

. . . the use of words, not for the sake of their philosophical content, but for the sake of discoveries whereby we may know more about the intrinsic atmosphere of each word, apart from its group-soul as part of a family.

Miss Stein, we are told,

to gain their exact personality, deprived of that produced by their usual surroundings. This is not just playing about with words; it is an urgent necessity. There is always a connecting thread in each pattern, otherwise it would not be a pattern.

If the reader can see the 'urgent necessity' for the following 'pattern in words' he will enjoy it, though he is not likely to understand it:

With the flag. With the flag of sets. Sets of colour. Do you like flags. Blue flags smell sweetly. Blue flags in a whirl. The wind blows And the automobile goes. Can you guess boards. Wood. Can you guess hoops. Barrels. Can you guess girls. Servants. Can you guess messages? In deed.

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as beautiful as other work : she quotes it because

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se know composers who make such a fetish of elimination of the unessential' that they end by becoming incoherent.

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It is unfortunately impossible to give a concrete explanation of Miss Stein's work. Either one understands it, or one doesn't. For it is a very crippling fact that there has not been sufficient preparation for this writer. She is often at the disadvantage of having gone so far ahead of our time that she is almost out of sight, and between her and her reader there is a gap.

This is real 'progress,' and of a type that is painfully frequent in modern music.

Perhaps the most amusing thing in the article s Miss Sitwell's quoting of the following 'lovely phrases,' and then solemnly trying to explain

Oh the bells that are the same are not stirring and the languid grace is not out of place and the older fur is disappearing. There is not such an end.

In this Miss Sitwell naïvely comments:

To my apprehension, this means (if we put it coarsely and roughly)—that youth has passed, spring comes again, with the same flower-bells upon the trees,—but they no longer sound the same music, -yet the older, furrier leaves have gone. I can imagine this phrase ending,-though it does not end so, with the knowledge that soon we, too, shall be gone from the forests and the gardens. . . . That is what I read into this.

Here is another gem:

A pale rose is a smell that has no fountain, that has pside down the same distinction, elegance is not coloured, the pain is there.

Mys Miss Sitwell:

This is, to me, an abstract pattern of very great heauty. The answer to the inquiry, 'What does this mean?' is— 'It means exactly what a rose means.'

till, in our reactionary way, we shall go on preferring a rose, by a long chalk.

However, this is a trifle to what Miss Stein can in the way of mystification. In the following she leaves even Miss Sitwell in the dark:

Puzzle is more than a speck and a soiled collar. A pound is more than oatmeal and a new institution. A silence is more than occasional. It respects understanding and salt and even a rope. It respects a news-stand and it also it very also respects desert. All the ice can descend together.

Wiss Sitwell admits that she does not find this There is a plaintive touch in Miss Sitwell's remark on this conglomeration:

> I do not gain any idea whatsoever from this. My respect for Miss Stein makes me presume it is an abstract pattern with a thread, with a beauty, which I have not caught, but it appears to me quite incomprehensible, even as an abstract pattern.

It beats me also-in fact, very also.

Let me try my rough, unpractised hand at 'an abstract pattern':

It is true, it certainly is true and a coat, any coat, any dress, all dress, a hat, many hats, all colours, every kind of colouring, all this makes shadows longer and birds, makes birds, just makes birds. . . . Not much limping is in the back, not much limping is in the front, not much limping is circular, a bosom, a candle, an elegant footfall, all this makes daylight.

How's that for a beginner? . . .

Perhaps a Stein-ite objects that this is an absurd exaggeration, and that here, as in 'advanced' music, it is easier to poke fun than to imitate; that, in fact, the game is less easy than it appears to be. I hope such an objection is made, because it enables me to point out that this passage, so far from being an absurd exaggeration, is actually a quotation from Miss Stein! Miss Sitwell gives it, assuring us that 'it needs great experience to produce beauty in a passage like this.'

Yet one more analogy with some aspects of modern music is shown in the following remarks of Miss Sitwell:

Here, and in paragraphs like this, we find the danger of Miss Stein's method-a danger less to herself than to the people influenced by her. I hope the influence she is bound to have will be over able and experienced writers, not over the very young, incapable, and silly. These very young, incapable, and silly people who imitate and ruin all the modernist work of the time are a terrible problem. They mean well, but they hamper the movement, harass the real artists, and are, frankly, a great nuisance, as they bring ridicule on the modernist

Modernist art of this kind appears to be able to provide itself liberally with whatever it deserves in the way of ridicule. In fact, the more you look at it, the more certain you are that the pain is there, and that all the ice can descend together.

P.S.—Since the above was set up, this particularly choice example of Miss Stein's poetry' has been reprinted in a daily paper:

Tingling they were they were they were tingling pink ice leads to trees they went twice they went parrots fall gently across glass where they see Spain they see nothing nothing is greener where are bronze it cannot save from what is unbalanced in February in March in April is undivided in three undivided it is undivided it is indivisible it is.

Very well: who says it isn't?

The Audrey Chapman Orchestra will give a concert at Queen's Hall on December 15 at 8, in aid of the Fund for Orchestras in Poor Districts. The programme includes the Franck Symphony, and Suggia will be heard in a Haydn Concerto, as well as in solos. Mr. Frank Bridge will conduct.

# WAGNER AND THE NINTH SYMPHONY

### By EDITH A. H. CRAWSHAW

The Ninth Symphony, which played quite an important part in the life of Wagner, has received varying criticisms, from positive hatred to real affection. Sir Michael Costa, writing in 1877, said :

The 'Choral' Symphony, except the Andante, is an awful work, and a perfect infliction on principals and chorus. It failed at the Philharmonic, at Bradford, Exeter Hall, Birmingham, and at the Crystal Palace.

And Costa was probably glad it had failed! How different was Schumann's criticism in a letter to Hirschbach, in 1838:

In our opinion the Ninth Symphony is still, in spite of everything, the mightiest work in recent orchestral

The late Prof. Niecks says it is 'a musical exposition of Beethoven's philosophy'; and Stanford calls it 'the culminating point of Beethoven's life-work,' Dr. Agnes Savill speaks of it as 'the culminating point of spirituality, the purest height possible to human expression through the medium of music,'

It seems strange to read that Richard was the only child in the Wagner family who did not have music-lessons. Intercourse which Weber had with the Wagners helped the boy to an appreciation of music. 'Freischütz' and 'Oberon' fascinated him, and he delighted to hear his favourite music. Wagner tells us ('My Life') that the mere tuning of the instruments put him in a state of mystic excitement; and the striking of fifths on the violin seemed like a greeting from the spirit world which had a very real meaning for him. The first music of Beethoven's which he heard appears to have been the Overture to 'Fidelio'; then the music to 'Egmont.' At one of the Gewandhaus concerts he heard the A major Symphony, and the effect on him was indescribable. Wagner had but recently heard of Beethoven's death, and he was much impressed by the composer's features, which he saw in the lithographs circulated at that time, and by the fact that he was deaf, and had lived a quiet, secluded life. Wagner tells us his musical instruction did him no good, even when he was allowed to have lessons. But he spent his time in copying out the scores of his beloved masters, and he believes his copies of the C minor Symphony and the Ninth Symphony are still preserved as souvenirs. This latter attracted him particularly because it was the opinion of musicians at Leipsic and elsewhere that Beethoven was half-mad when he composed it. But to Wagner it became

the mystical goal of all my strange thoughts and desires about music. . . . It was considered the non plus ultra of all that was fantastic and incomprehensible, and this was quite enough to rouse in me a passionate desire to study this mysterious work. At the very first glance at the score, of which I obtained possession with such difficulty, I felt irresistibly attracted by the long-sustained pure fifths with which the first phrase opens: these chords, which had played such a supernatural part in my childish impressions of music, seemed in this case to form the spiritual key-note of my own life.

Wagner made an arrangement of the Symphony for pianoforte solo, and offered it to the firm of Schott, the publishers of the score, at Mainz. They replied that they had not yet decided to issue the of the orchestra allowed him to carry out his

Symphony for pianoforte, but they would gladly keep Wagner's laborious work, and offered him as remuneration the score of the great 'Missa Solemnis' in D, which Wagner gratefully accepted. Concerning his early work, the Overture in B flat major, Wagner says this was the outcome of his study of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, as 'Leubald und Adelaïde' had been the result of his study of Shakespeare. During the winter of 1831-32 Wagner attended some of the Gewandhaus concerts, and heard a rehearsal of the Ninth Symphony with Pohlenz as musical conductor, At this time, Wagner tells us,

. . . instrumental works were not conducted by what we call 'a conductor of the orchestra,' but were simply played to the audience by the leader of the orchestra. As soon as the singing began, Pohlenz took his place at the conductor's desk.

The first movements were played straight through like a Haydn Symphony, as well as the orchestra could manage it, says Wagner. But at the Presto movement in 3-4 time (the last movement)

. . . the wild shrieks of the trumpet (with which this movement begins) resulted in the most extraordinary confusion of sound.

Wagner's idol, Beethoven, was near to falling! One of the double-bass players suggested that Pohlenz should put down his baton, after which things went better. It led Wagner to feel, however, that this work was still beyond his comprehension,

In 1839, Wagner arrived at Paris, and attended the concerts at the Conservatoire. Symphony of Beethoven was rehearsed for three years before being performed in public, the capacity for taking pains being then, as now, a feature of French orchestral concerts, so Mr. Lidgey tells us in his 'Wagner.' Wagner says in his 'Life' that the rehearsals which he attended exercised a decisive influence in the crisis of his artistic development:

This was due to the fact that I listened repeatedly to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which, by dint of untiring practice, received such a marvellous inter-pretation at the hands of this celebrated orchestra, that the picture I had had of it in my mind in the enthusiastic days of my youth now stood before me almost tangibly in brilliant colours, undimmed, m though it had never been effaced by the Leipsic orchestra, who had slaughtered it under Pohlenis baton. Where formerly I had only seen mystic constellations and weird shapes without meaning, I now found flowing from innumerable sources a stream of the most touching and heav nly melodies which delighted my heart. . . I owed the recovery of my old vigour and spirits to the deep impression the rendering of the Ninth Symphony had on me when performed in a way I had never dreamed of. This important event in my life can only be compared to the upheaval caused within me when, as a youth of sixteen, I saw Schröler-Devrient act in 'Fidelio.'

At Dresden, Schumann and Wagner became friends, and 'as far as it was possible with a person so sparing of words,' as Wagner puts it, he and Schumann exchanged views on matters of musical interest. Schumann was looking forward to hearing the Ninth Symphony produced under Wagner's baton, having been very much disappointed by Mendelssohn's conducting, who year by year took the first movement at a distracting speed.

The Symphony for Palm Sunday, 1846, fell to Wagner's lot to conduct. As the Ninth Symphony was almost unknown at Dresden, Wagner chose this work. It was with great difficulty that the directors

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Imagine my feelings [writes Wagner] on now seeing for the first time since my earliest boyhood the mysterious pages of this score, which I studied conscientiously! In those days the sight of these same pages had filled me with the most mystic reveries, and Ihad stayed up for mights together to copy them out.

It is not likely that the heart of a disciple has cer been filled with such keen rapture over the work of a master as mine was at the first movement of this Symphony. If any one had come upon me unexpectedly while I had the open score before me, and had seen me conculsed with sobs and tears as I went through the work in order to consider the best manner of rendering it, he would certainly have asked with astonishment if his were really fitting behaviour for the Conductor Royal of Saxony!

Wagner drew up a programme to act as guide to the understanding of the work, and in the Dresden deviger wrote 'all kinds of short and enthusiastic monymous paragraphs in order to whet the public uste,' as the work had not been favourably received a Dresden hitherto:

Concerning the artistic side of the performance [he continues), I aimed at making the orchestra give as espressive a rendering as possible, and to this end made all kinds of notes myself in the various parts, so is to make quite sure that their interpretation would beas clear and as coloured as could be desired. It was principally the custom which existed then of doubling the wind instruments that led me to a most careful consideration of the advantages this presented, for in performances on a large scale the following somewhat awle rule prevailed: All those passages marked piano were executed by a single set of instruments, while those marked forte were carried out by a duplicated set. As an instance of the way in which I took care to ensure an intelligible rendering by this means, I might point to a certain passage in the second movement of the Symphony, where the whole of the string instrunents play the principal and rhythmical figure in C major for the first time; it is written in triple octaves, which play uninterruptedly in unison, and, to a certain degree, serve as an accompaniment to the second theme, which is only performed by feeble wood instruments. As fortissimo is indicated alike for the whole orchestra, the result in every imaginable rendering must be that the melody for the wood instruments not only completely disappears, but cannot sen be heard through the strings, which, after all, are only accompanying. . . . I made the strings play only moderately loudly instead of real fortissimo, up to the point where they alternate with the wind instruments in taking up the continuation of the new theme: thus the motive, rendered as it was as loudly as possible by a double set of wind instruments, was, I believe, for the first time since the existence of the Symphony, heard with real distinctness. I proceeded in this manner throughout, in order to guarantee the greatest exactitude in the dynamical effects of the orchestra. . . . Many brains had been puzzled by the Fugato in 6-8 time which comes after the chorus, 'Froh wie seine Snnen fliegen,' in the movement of the Finale marked alla marcia. In view of the preceding inspiriting reses, which seemed to be a preparing for combat and rictory, I conceived this Fugato really as a glad but earnest war-song, and I took it at a continuously fiery tempo, and with the utmost vigour. . . Furthermore, I devoted special attention to that extraordinary passage, resembling a recitative, for the 'cellos and lasses, which comes at the beginning of the last movement, and which had once caused my old friend Pohlenz such great humiliation at Leipsic . . . After twelve special rehearsals of the instruments alone

concerned, I succeeded in getting them to perform in a way which sounded not only perfectly free, but which also expressed the most exquisite tenderness and the greatest energy in a thoroughly impressive manner.

In order that the choral parts might be successfully performed, Wagner enlisted the help of the Dreissig 'Academy of Singing,' the choir from the Kreuzschule, with its fine boys' voices, and the choir of the Dresden Seminary: thus he had a chorus of three hundred singers, whom he tried to get 'into a state of genuine ecstasy' at the frequent united rehearsals. Gade, who was present at the general rehearsal, said he would willingly have paid double the price of his ticket in order to hear the recitative by the basses once more. Hiller considered that Wagner had gone too far in his modification of the tempi. The performance was a complete success, and Wagner was particularly pleased with the praise of the philologist, Dr. Köchly, who said it was the first time he had been able to follow a symphonic work from beginning to end with intelligent interest.

On Palm Sunday, 1849, Wagner again conducted the Ninth Symphony at Dresden. The work had been chosen in order to secure a financially successful concert. Mr. Lidgey writes:

To Wagner, Beethoven represented the fulfilment, not only of what had already been achieved, but of all that was possible in the domain of absolute music. With unerring instinct the great tone-poet had followed up the varied springs of emotion, until in his colossal Ninth Symphony he had set himself to exhaust the limits of the sea of sound. And in the end, to satisfy his inner yearning, to express all that he meant that Symphony to reveal, he joined speech to tone and cried, 'Rejoice! Breast to breast, ye mortal millions! This one kiss to all the world!' Only by the aid of poesy could the message of his crowning work be fully conveyed—that was the meaning to Wagner of the 'Choral' Symphony. To him it was no mere species of art-variety—a symphony with a chorus—it was Beethoven's tacit acknowledgment of the limitation of absolute music, the confession that poetry as well as tone was essential to the art-work of the future.

In 'The Work and Mission of My Life,' Wagner says it was his introduction to Beethoven's Symphonies, which he heard at Leipsic at the age of seventeen, that first stirred the pulse of music in his being. These gave to music in his eyes

harmonies and movements appeared to me rather like ghostly, spiritual forces, which seemed to address themselves to me individually, and to put on the most fantastic shapes! . . . I had suddenly become a musician.

In his 'Beethoven,' Wagner writes thus of the choral section of the Ninth Symphony:

Never has the highest art produced anything more artistically simple than this refrain, whose childlike innocence breathes on us (when we first catch the theme given in a unison of perfectly even whispers by the bass strings of the orchestra) with holy awe. The refrain now becomes the Cantus firmus, the Chorale of the new Commune; and round it, as round the Church Chorale of Sebastian Bach, the voices harmoniously entering group themselves in counterpoint. Nothing equals the pure depth of feeling with which each new voice as it enters animates this primitive song of perfect innocence; until every adornment, every splendour of growing emotion is united to it and in it, like the breathing universe round a final revelation of purest Love.

Can we doubt that Beethoven's influence did indeed make Wagner a musician?

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## THE FETISH OF FORM

By J. H. ELLIOT

In this age, when the high-priests of musical culture are bestirring themselves towards the education and improvement of taste among the uninitiated, one sees with misgiving the tendency towards an idolatrous ritual which may be termed the Fetish of Form.

Far be it from me to belittle the canons and codes of musical composition. I have no desire to be associated with the historic gentleman who 'spoke disrespectfully of the solar system.' I realise, as we all must, that composition is governed by rules, and that music without any form, established or improvised, would be impossible even if it were desirable. But I do protest—with some reason, as I hope to show—against the exaggerated emphasis which is so often placed upon the purely mechanical aspect of the art.

I hope and believe that the bias is achieved unconsciously. There may be professors whose idea of teaching 'musical appreciation' is to parade their pedantry before the uninitiated, but their number, let us hope, is small. Yet there is danger for the

most sincere and earnest.

Let us consider for a moment the attitude of the person who 'doesn't know much about art,' but is none the less anxious to discover what there is in Bach, Brahms, or Wagner. He takes up a book, or listens to a lecture, on musical appreciation-and either of these, emanating from one whom he knows to be of the initiated, cannot but inspire him with confidence and trust. What does he find? Too often, he is merely told exactly what happens (on paper) in a symphony, &c .- a theme is set forth and treated in such and such a manner; this is followed by that and the other, and so to the bitter end. What does he infer? Almost inevitably that 'classical' music is really an arid, dull, and desperately logical succession of sounds, without any genuine opportunity for poetic beauty or feeling-or, at least, that if the latter be admitted, it can remain only for a moment, and must always be followed by a prolonged douche of cold water in the shape of a 'development' passage or some such irksome necessity.

This is, perhaps, putting the matter a trifle strongly; but from the insistence laid upon musical form in so many quarters, it must appear to the uninitiated that this is the only aspect of the art which matters. Why are they not told at the outset that the value of a musical work rests not upon its form, but upon the degree in which it rises above that form? Why should the 'development' bogey, &c., always be presented as a necessarily pedantic exercise, as though its very nature at once precluded all possibility of poetic feeling? Tell them, if you will, that a lengthy musical work cannot be always at a hundred per cent. white-heat (though no one but an imbecile would expect or wish it to be); but, in the name of music, why not admit that if a 'development' fails to stimulate the intellect through the ear (as opposed to the eye), it at once falls to the ground, an empty and vapid display of mechanical

pedantry?

How many novices may we expect to take an increasing interest in great music if they are told, or as good as told, that they cannot really enjoy it they can have no true efficacy until they are so unless they can recognise at once all the dry bones beneath the living flesh, especially when the bones

are meticulously described while the flesh (that is, the æsthetic value) is totally ignored? When will our professors remember to emphasise that 'vanety in unity' and all its offspring are, primarilly under the direction of an abstract sensibility? As soon as a technical device becomes acceptable to the intelled—which, aided by its subordinate the ear, is the representative of the unseen and unknown judge, the musical sensibility—it mechanically becomes an admitted rule.

Sonata-form, Rondo-form, Binary, Ternary-what then, are these if not the simple means by which the masters have attained infinitely greater ends If musical appreciation cannot be taught by an known method (and I do not think it can), at leas we may guard against this everlasting harping upon scientific machinery as opposed to artistic inspiration We cannot, it is true, explain the latter, but at leas we can avoid the erection of false standards b mitigating our insistence upon the former. It highly desirable to explain in simple terms what meant by melody, harmony, &c., and to point out the necessity of training the ear to follow complicated inter-weavings; but to commence the instruction by dissecting an entire work into subjects developments, and recapitulations is as misleading as it is wearisome.

But,' it is urged, 'by learning first to understand the formal outline of a work, the appreciation of its sesthetic value will follow as a matter of course I reply (and here is the very crux of my protest): It is more likely that nothing at all will follow, for unless the learner has already become a slave to formworship (which is valueless in any case) he will probably lose interest altogether, convinced that listening to 'classical' music demands dreary and irksome studies for which he has neither time nor patience, and that the reward of such studies would be nothing better than the possession of a stagnant and futile pedantry. Tell him what you will concerning musical form, but let it be emphasised clearly and constantly that it is useless, empty, and dead, unless it be the channel for the pure white flame of æsthetic truth.

I have, perhaps, spoken a trifle strongly; I will I do not believe for an instant now be even bolder. that a knowledge of musical form (that is, Sonataform, &c.) can help anyone, intrinsically, to appreciate and enjoy great musical works. If the formalism be present-subordinated, as it should be. to artistic value-the ear will acknowledge it unconsciously. To tell the beginner that such and such a passage is a development of such and such a theme is to tell him what his own senses would This may not be discover in any instance. achieved at once, for a certain number of repeated hearings are necessary to the appreciation of a great work, whether its form be previously understood or not.

The whole trouble, I think, arises from a confusion between the qualifications necessary to the elementary stages of coherent composition and the degree of knowledge necessary for listening intelligently to what has been composed—as I conceive them, two vasily different things. The exact knowledge of form massist us to realise the extent of the composer's mechanical ingenuity—to worry out, in fact, the dry bones which he has been at pains to conceal, because they can have no true efficacy until they are so concealed, and to all intents and purposes are subordinated to the point of obliteration; but for the

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I shall be answered, no doubt, that to look ninutely into musical works and 'see the wheels go ound' does add to one's enjoyment. I can only that I doubt it, and that if it be true, his form of enjoyment is not only negligible compared to the aesthetical stimulation), but totally irrelevant. And why? Because musical form and all technical devices, in themselves are no artistic value. Any bungler could invent few 'motives' and juggle with them contrajuntally for a given period: it requires a Bach Wagner to employ this method and create music if sustained vital interest. If in any part of a nusical work it becomes necessary consciously to frect the attention to formal devices in order to ustain the interest, I hold that such a passage hils asthetically, and is therefore musically worthis. This is perhaps a sweeping statement, but surely a purely mathematical interest arising from a musical work is as far removed from the true pirit of the art as a naïve astonishment at the ortuosity of an agile pianist. We all unite in condemning the latter viewpoint, but what is musical orm, qua form, if not the mere external virtuosity of the composer ?

It will perhaps be argued, however, that the nuthematical and the aesthetical viewpoints do not necessity exclude each other. I admit this to be rue, but only to a limited extent. In listening to Bach, we cannot avoid hearing the melodies running ngether and gloriously interweaving; but who stops consciously to admire the music as a chef d'auvre of ounterpoint? Who has a thought for Sonata-form when hearing the Symphonies of Beethoven or the martets of Mozart? Or who, having stopped to tink of it, can honestly claim to have enjoyed music any the better? The enjoyment derived from form-study is purely extra-musical; and, practised to its full extent elsewhere than on paper, it cannot but detract from the enjoyment of music n the spirit in which, at its best, it is conceived. No one will deny, surely, that aesthetic value forms the raison d'être of all the music which counts, and that to achieve their end the great masters have made their own rules-or, at least, adapted and developed those which their predecessors made, which is much the same thing. Therefore to emphasise the means rather than the end is, to my mind, a superficial and ludicrous procedure.

Let me repeat, however, that I am in no way deprecating the exposition of musical form to the litter; I merely protest against the extradinary insistence which is so often placed upon t-a course which is not only misleading, but definitely discouraging to beginners; and while I adm t that it is difficult to make some points clear without going into technicalities, I venture to suggest that the emphasis should at all events be laid in the right place.

The Destra Choir gave a capital performance of 'Merrie England' at Fulham Town Hall on November 6, with Miss Lillian Stiles-Allen, Miss Edith Furmedge, Mr. Walter Glynne, and Mr. Herbert Heyner as soloists. Mr. William S. Lewis conducted.

# THE CLEMENTI MYSTERIES

By HERBERT WESTERBY

An able résumé, by Dr. Orlando Mansfield, of some of the biographical problems connected with the life of Muzio Clementi has recently appeared in this journal. Clementi, as the 'Father of the Pianoforte,' bulked largely in the musical history and activities of this country, and, like Handel, is buried in Westminster Abbey. What is said by E. Dannreuther in his article on Clementi in 'Grove' is still true as regards his pianoforte works, that 'they are indispensable to pianists to-day and must remain so.'

Unfortunately no 'life' of Clementi has appeared in English. Unger in his (German) 'Muzio Clementi's Leben' (1914) seems to have gone to the proper sources and worked with system on the 'mysteries' of his life. Parabeni in his 'Muzio Clementi nella vita e nell' arte' (1921) has touched on other aspects. The present problems may be discussed in order, thus:

WHO BROUGHT CLEMENTI (IN 1766) FROM

ROME TO ENGLAND?

This has been variously asserted to be: (a) Lord Mayor Beckford of Fonthill Abbey, who died in 1770. (b) His son William, the author of 'Vathek.' (c) Peter Beckford of Steepleton House, Dorset—cousin of the Lord Mayor.

Dr. Mansfield and Mr. H. Southern both assert it was Peter Beckford, and that Clementi resided at Steepleton House, but they do not give proof in support. Previous to Dr. Mansfield's article, there appeared (Spring, 1925) in the Year-Book of the Dorset Society,\* a most interesting contribution by Mr. H. Southern entitled 'Clementi in the Dorset Park Country.' Mr. Southern shows that Clementi's patron could not have been the author of 'Vathek,' because in 1766 he was only seven years old. It follows that if Lord Mayor Beckford did not go to Italy, he could not have brought Clementi here, so we must fall back on Peter Beckford. Unger in his German 'Life' seems to be the first to quote in proof from Peter Beckford's 'Familiar Letters from Italy,' vol. 2, p. 228, thus:

. . . the famous Clementi whom I found here in the year 1766 and bought of his father for seven years.

This point seems settled therefore, though it introduces a new problem, because the period of his adoption has always been given as four years: but of this later.

WHERE DID CLEMENTI RESIDE ?

Dr. Mansfield and Mr. Southern say at Steepleton House in Dorset, but there is no actual apparent proof. Unger and other authorities say Fonthill Abbey.

Meanwhile, if Clementi were adopted for seven years, he probably would not go to London until 1773, and the English biographers say 1770, i.e., after four years' residence. If Clementi went first to Fonthill, he would probably leave there on the death of the Lord Mayor and go to Steepleton House for the rest of the time. If he went to Steepleton House, he might have spent seven years there, or made a change in 1770 and gone to stay with the young author of 'Vathek,' who afterwards (in 1780) himself went to Italy and wrote an anonymous account of his trayels there. This problem is still unsolved.

<sup>274,</sup> Gresham House, Old Broad Street, E.C.2, 3s.1

WHEN DID CLEMENTI COMMENCE HIS CAREER
IN LONDON?

No account of Clementi's appearance in London has been found earlier than that of April 3, 1775. What did he do between? Probably he was establishing himself first as a teacher. The Harmonicon of 1832 (which seems to have had personal information) states that on reaching London he was 'speedily' appointed cembalist or conductor to the Italian opera. This appointment was from 1777 until 1800, when he went to Paris and met with a great reception. Mereaux the Paris publisher also states that the success of Clementi's Op. 2 (published in 1773) determined him to go to London, so it was apparently between 1773 and 1775.

WHERE WERE HIS EARLIEST WORKS, OPP. I AND 2, PUBLISHED?

Prosniz says Op. 1 at Paris, and Op. 2 by André, of Offenbach. In the British Museum I have recently seen original editions of both as published by S. A. & P. Thompson of 75, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, and dedicated to Peter Beckford, Esq. I'his also points to his patron, but does not prove where he resided.

#### WHAT WAS HIS BIRTH-DATE?

English notices all say 1752, but birthday unknown. This I found after an examination of the funeral book extract in Chester's Registers of Westminster Abbey. Clementi died on Saturday, March 10, 1832. The extract is, 'Interred, March 28, from 26, Newman Street, Oxford Street, aged 80 years, 1 month, 15 days.' Parabeni quotes from this, and calculates Clementi's birthday as '25 Gennais del 1752,' i.e., January 25, 1752. The day is right, but the year must be wrong. Dr. Mansfield writes 'the life of Clementi opens with mystery. . . . His career closes in like manner.' Prosniz says that Clementi died 'in the neighbourhood of London ('in der nahe London's'), which is doubtless intended for his house at Elstree; others have named Em Lodge, Evesham. The well-informed Harmonicon of 1832 (p. 86) states that he 'died on Saturday the 10th of last month [March] at his cottage in the vale of Evesham, Worcestershire, in his eighty-first year.' Here a foot-note occurs, 'His age is thus stated in the public prints, but we have good reason to think that he was at least four or five years older.' A predecease biographical notice in the same journal seven months previous (August, 1831) stated that the year 1752 'is not authorised'; the notice continues, we think that it admits of correction and ought to be three or four years earlier.' In the 'Life of Moscheles' (by his wife), on p. 263, vol. i., we read, 'Clementi died at the age of eighty-four years, and was followed to his grave in Westminster Abbey by many of his brother artists.1

Parabeni points out that four different authorities—Gerber's Lexicon (1st ed.), G. Bertini's Dictionary, 1812, Choron's Dictionary, 1810, and Hauser's Lexicon, 1833—all state the birth-year to be 1746, which makes Clementi six years older than usually given, i.e., the prodigy would be twenty when he left Rome, twenty-nine at his first London concert, and thirty-five when he met Mozart in competition in 1781.

The probability is that Clementi's father understated the age of his son at an early stage of his career, as was similarly done by Beethoven's father, musicians. Two noble traits to his credit were

and Mozart's. It only remains now for some one at Rome to see the parochial registers and note if the date (January 25) is in one of the years 1746 to 1748.

In the Funeral Book, Clementi is mentioned as being 'late of Lincroft House, near Lichfield (Staffs), and then of Evesham.' As the family would be present at the interment it is likely that these details are correct, though as the former prodigy might not be sure of his age, his family would not.

Dr. Mansfield says that 'the Staffordshire story is an invention.' Why? I am curious to know. Note the elapse of eighteen days between the date of decease and the interment, of which, by the way, the Philharmonic Society took charge. To harmonize the various versions it is likely that the body was brought from his 'cottage' near Evesham, to his residence at Elstree, and from thence to 26, Newman Street and the Abbey.

WHERE ARE THE CLEMENTI 'SYMPHONIES'?

These seem to have disappeared. They were specially associated with the Philharmonic Society, of which Clementi was a founder and first corductor, and as such 'presided at the pianoforte.' The first concert of this historic Society took place on March 8, 1813, with Clementi at the pianoforte. The Harmonicon, speaking of Clementi and the Philharmonic Society, says:

To this Society he presented two of his MS. Symphonies, the first of which was performed on the 1st of March, 1819. The venerable musician last presided at the pianoforte in 1828.

I have made inquiries, and Mr. W. Wallace, one of the Trustees, writes to say that though Clementi's name

Philharmonic Society's Library now housed at the Royal Academy of Music . . . it may be that some MS. of Clements's has been bound up with the score of some other composer.

In M. B. Foster's 'History of the Philharmonic' there are references to 'Symphony—Clementi,' but no indication of what this was.

I have seen this Library, with its huge piles of scores (about six hundred) and numerous parcels of band parts. Many students will be interested to know what an examination of these will yield.

Perhaps the above will help to settle various points in doubt. Nos. 2 and 6 still remain—mysteries. Those interested in Clementi as the 'Father of the Pianoforte' can see his tombstone in the South Cloister of Westminster Abbey.

# JOSEPH FRANCK

# BY ANDREW DE TERNANT

Joseph, the elder brother of César Franck, will probably have a niche in the future annals of music similar to that of Michael, the younger brother of Joseph Haydn. Michael Haydn was a meritorious musician, but, of course, he has long since been completely overshadowed by the fame of the composer of 'The Creation.' Joseph Franck, however, has other claims for remembrance than being the brother of a now more famous composer than himself. Joseph, who commenced his professional career in his native Liége, and afterwards divided it equally with that town and Paris, was one of the most unselfish of musicians. Two noble traits to his credit were

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is untiring championship in Belgium the 18th-century Bach, and the 19th-century Rheinberger. Before Joseph undertook the task making him better known, Bach was generally in Belgium as 'a dull and dry ngarded in Belgium as 'a dull and dry an antiquated period of the history of music. seph Franck founded no Bach Society, but he on convinced his fellow-countrymen that the leipsic cantor, though a Protestant musician, as also a loyal subject of a Roman Catholic Elector Saxony, and had composed a colossal Mass in minorand a beautiful Latin Magnificat. Fortunately loseph, music plays an important part in the ducation of the Belgian Roman Catholic clergy, and although Belgium is the smallest country in Europe, the percentage of musical culture is higher the priesthood than in any other country in the norld, excepting the much larger German Empire (or ow Republic). When Joseph Franck commenced steaching connection in the seminaries for the ining of priests and in the convents in Belgium, the lexandre harmonium was coming into fashion, and he had the happy thought of arranging a selection of e Preludes and Fugues for that instrument. Lithogaphed copies made by himself were used (long efore he published a series), and these soon reated a demand for more works of John Sebastian. seph was a pianist, organist, and violinist, and da good baritone voice. With the assistance

The Organ Sonatas of Rheinberger were entirely known in Belgium until Joseph Franck took them a hand, and p'ayed them at public recitals and ivately in Catholic Cathedrals and churches before s fellow professional organists. Though Rheinerger's Sonatas were first heard in Belgium before my other country-excepting, of course, Germanyhere was no epistolary correspondence between the legian musician and the Bavarian composer.

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work were an annual event in some of the Belgian

eminaries and convents.

It was not until Joseph Franck was sent by the legian Government to make a special report of the arious systems of teaching in German music thiols, that he became personally acquainted ith Rheinberger at Munich Conservatorium. heinberger was delighted to see his Belgian hampion, and insisted that he should leave his hotel and live in his (Rheinberger's) house while he tayed in the Bavarian capital. At this time concert of Rheinberger's choral and orchestral rorks took place at Munich Conservatorium, ut the Belgian musician was not much impressed the programme, and was heard to mutter leaving the hall: 'That man has left all is soul in the organ-loft.' Fortunately the remark 845 not heard by the thin-skinned Bavarian comoner, and Joseph Franck on his return to Belgium ntinued with the same zeal as before his propaganda Rheinberger's Organ Sonatas; but he never orks to conductors and concert-givers.

oseph Franck's first regular appointment at Paris as as choirmaster and organist of the Church of the dissions Etrangers,' and afterwards at the more ashionable St. Thomas-d'Aquin. Joseph, in his

allow personal preferences to prevail, and it embraced all periods and all styles. Anyone who attended the churches under his musical direction could in less than twelve months become acquainted with practically the whole history of Roman Catholic Church music from the early part of the 16th century down to near the end of the 19th. The early Flemish, Spanish, Italian, and English Tudor composers were represented, as well as the most modern. Byrd's Masses and Motets were performed under Joseph's direction in the 'fifties and 'sixties, when these works were considered only of antiquarian interest by the composer's own countrymen. But Franck said it was not advisable to produce 16th-century Church music consecutively, as constant performances were likely to prove monotonous to modern congregations. who were not necessarily all serious students of the art-many barely understood even the musical idiom of their own day. Franck had no love for Rossini's 'Stabat Mater' and 'Messe Solenelle,' and often remarked facetiously that the 'artful' Italian maestro made up the so-called sacred works from fragments of his forgotten and unfinished operas. But there was no denying the fact that many of the clergy warmly approved of the performance of Rossini's works in churches, and they were received with rapturous enthusiasm by the majority of congregations. It was the duty of organist-choirmasters, Joseph said, as well as the clergy, to attract the people as much as possible to church, and for the sake of peace it was advisable to satisfy their demands.

Joseph Franck, however, subsequently gave up his organist appointments, because they rather interfered with his periodical visits to Belgium. In his native town of Liége he was considered a 'great man.' Here he had opportunity for playing his own P-anoforte Concertos (in the style of Beethoven) before appreciative audiences. He gave concerts wholly of his own compositions, was requested to select the entire programmes for the season at the leading societies' concerts, acted as chief adjudicator at musical competitions, and was consulted generally on the appointments of music teachers in the schools and the choir and organist vacancies at the churches of the city of Liége. He was also often asked to compose for important municipal functions. At Paris he was lost in a crowd of men better known than himself, and he possessed none of the qualities adapted to allure the popular taste. He dressed like a provincial man, and was ill at ease in Parisian society. He eventually became a naturalised French citizen, but this did not place him on the same footing as French musicians of established reputation, and his change of nationality offended many of his old Belgian friends.

But Joseph, like his more distinguished brother César, belonged to a patient stock. He soon drew popular attention to himself by composing a number of pianoforte pot-boilers, and likewise polkas. His 'Feringliëd polka des Thugs' was one of the 'best-sellers' of the Paris Exhibition year of 1867. It was played by command of the Empress Eugenie at the Tuileries Imperial State balls, and soon found its way to the notorious 'Mabile' Gardens.

Joseph Franck died in 1891, having outlived his brother César by some seven months. He was seventy-one years of age, but looked much older. A more prolific composer than César, his contributions to Roman Catholic Church music election of music for the church service, did not alone number more than a hundred, but few

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were printed and published in the ordinary way. The majority were mainly circulated through the medium of lithographed copies (done by himself), and subsequently by means of other duplicating processes. The following, however, are among the most important issued by well-known Parisian musical publishing firms, viz. : Huit Motets avec accompagnement d'Orgue, Op. 1 (Choudens, second edition, 1885); 1" Messe Solonelle en Ut majeur, à quatre voix, Op. 13, 2" Messe Solonelle, en Fa majeur, Magnificat en Ré majeur, à deux voix à trois voix, égales (Bibliothèque Leduc, 1885); and 'Panis Angelicus,' solo de mezzo-soprano et chœur, Op. 96 (Durand, 1899). In the 'Lyra Sacra' are included Veni, Sancte Spiritus, pour tenor ou soprano, Op. 134: Kyrie Eleison pour tenor ou soprano, Op. 162; Veni, Creator, solo et chœur à l'unison, Op. 189; and Ave Verum à deux voix égales, Op. 190. He also contributed some tunes to the collection 'La Chapelle du Couvent, of J. Lecocq and L. D. Besozzi (1867).

Some of Joseph Franck's compositions were at one time not unknown in English Roman Catholic churches. From 1850 to about 1882, the Redemptorists Order in England was largely composed of Belgian priests, and some of the members brought over with them lithographed copies of Joseph's works. They were frequently performed during the 'seventies at the Redemptorists' Church of St. Mary's, Clapham Park, S.W., under the direction of the English organist, the late Mr. Shepherd, who was a personal friend of the composer. By a curious coincidence also a prominent member of the congregation of that time was the late W. H. J. Weale, a former keeper of the National Art Library, South Kensington, who is as well-known in Belgium as in England by his many volumes on ancient Belgian art, and whose 'Bibliographia Liturgica' (1886) is still considered a standard work on the subject by foreign musical antiquarians.

#### MONTEVERDE'S 'ORFEO'

#### By I. A. WESTRUP

'L'Orfeo, Favola in Musica da Claudio Monteverdi,' was first produced in 1607, and published two years later. Since that date it has had a peculiar, almost a pathetic history. Scholars have always referred to it with a touch of condescension. It has received the disapproval of Burney, and, in our own day, the faint praise of Parry. Critics refer to it as a back number. 'Even so,' they say, 'will the crude extravagances of our contemporaries appear to a later and more enlightened age.' One of our most distinguished historians has been heard to remark that the composer was rather a 'second-rate man.'\* Perhaps there is some reason for this, and it may be that editors are largely responsible for the attitude which is generally (at any rate in this country) adopted towards this curious work. They cannot be absolved from the charge of presenting it in an unattractive form, or, if the presentation has been attractive, of embellishing the original with a specious veneer which has little in common with Monteverde. Mr. Howes, in an article in the Musical Times last year, drew attention to the

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A simple reduction of the essentials would have been quite sufficient. Malipiero falls between two stools, for he is neither literally faithful to the original nor sufficiently attractive to be popular. He has, however, the advantage of being an Italian, and so easily corrects errors in the libretto which Eitner marks with a suspicious qurey.§

'Orfeo' can hardly be said to have a plot in the melodramatic sense. Its general structure is closely akin to that of the Greek tragedy, and all the familian ingredients of that form are here reproduced and coloured with a wealth of musical invention. The impersonal chorus, the messenger recounting deeds too awful to be acted on the stage, the long soliloquy. the deus ex machina, and the 'happy ending,' all reappear and take their proper place in the unfolding of the narrative. The sententiousness of the final

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existing editions, but made little comment on them Robert Eitner's reprint of the original, \* with the addition of a realisation of the bass, is almost as badly-printed as the score of 1615 which received the well-merited censure of Dr. Burney. The emendations are frequently unnecessary and fussy For example, he removes a perfectly good false relation in the ritornello which follows the chorus Lasciate i monti' (p. 135). But this edition was published in 1881. Of Orefice's edition there is published in 1881. little to say except that it is certainly not Monteverde and that if we are to enjoy Signor Orefice's compositions we would prefer to hear a work that was not based on a 17th-century music-drama. D'Indvis edition suffers from being a selection. He omits the whole of Act 1, blandly remarking that it 'ne consiste qu'en chansons et danses pastorales,' as if that were any reason for leaving out some of the most delightful music in the whole opera. But d'Indy travelled on the right road. 'Nous n'avons pas eu,' he says, 'l'intention de faire œuvre d'archéologue, mais œuvre d'artiste,' and even though the marks of expression are a little too freely scattered over the pages, and the translation is at times forced and the harmony often 'in contrasto con lo spirito monteverdiano,' the selection, as far as it goes, is not unpleasing. D'Indy, however, did not alter the original time-values, which were left for Malipiero in his edition published two years ago. The use of the crotchet as the unit does much to remove the antiquarian flavour of an old-fashioned work. Yet even Malipiero retains the minim unit in the choruses. and spoils them further by insisting on making each part clear and distinct in the accompaniment, as if the parts were not already clear enough on their separate lines. What could be more ugly or more unnecessary than this from the first chorus (p. 9)?

<sup>\*</sup> For an appreciation, however, say Schneider, Monteverdi (Paris, 1921), pp. 250 et say. June, 1921, p. 509.

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<sup>† &#</sup>x27;The work is so ill-printed that some sagacity is necessary's discover the errors of the press from those of the compose Burney, like Hawkins, was not acquainted with the first edition stage. I imagine that this is as badly-printed as the second edition

<sup>3</sup> Malipiero's preface, p. 1.

<sup>§</sup> I have given references to the editions of Eitner, Malipiero, and d'Indy by the letters E. M. and D. and the numbers of the pages.

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the strain of piety seems a little out of place, and mixes oddly with the rest of the opera.

The work opens with a Toccata, a brilliant fanfare n the brass, with (apparently) all the rest of the mbestra as well. Some editors have so far misnderstood the purpose of this Toccata as to mark piano the first time. But it clearly serves to attract he attention of the audience, and is feeble and ineffecmeunless played fortissimo. It bears no resemblance to the Prelude to 'Rheingold,' and it is strange that my should have been discovered. It should properly he repeated twice, after which, to the strains of a islicate little ritornello (Ex. 2), the Spirit of Music enters as Prologue :

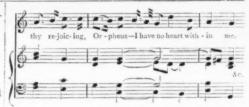


the differs in her function from the Prologue to a neek play, in that she is neither a character in the mama nor does she reveal the plot beforehand. Her office is merely ceremonial. She addresses the adience as renowned heroes, explains that she is noved to sing of Orpheus, and bids all Nature be Il. To the accompaniment of the same ritornello

In Act I the interest centres mainly in the choruses and dances. A shepherd delivers a panegyric suitthe to the nuptials of Orpheus and Eurydice, upon which the chorus sings an ode invoking the blessings if Hymen on the happy pair. A Nymph replies, alling them to song and dance. A delightful dorus ('Haste from the mountains,' E. 133, M. 12) and ballet follows. The Shepherd then addresses opheus, who, moved by his entreaties, sings of the happiness which he has found in the requital it his passion. Eurydice answers him in a very nort recitative, full of simplicity and maidenly



I quote here, and throughout this article, from the translation by



The Act closes with an elaborate choral simile, interspersed with a particularly rugged ritornello, likening the joy of Orpheus to the brightness of the summer after winter and of the sun after storm. The first part of the simile is in two and three parts, but at the end the whole five-part chorus swings in with this splendid tune, softening at once at the mention of their hero's past affliction :



The opening of Act 2 is again pastoral, and includes a charming little duet for two shepherds. The second half of their song is taken up by the chorus, and leads straight into an air of four verses for Orpheus, barred irregularly with alternations of 3-4 and 6-8. It seems quite clear that the crotchet of the 3-4 is equal to the dotted crotchet of the 6-8, though Malipiero makes no distinction, and Eitner (in the ritornello) gets into quite a muddle of semiquavers wrongly grouped together. The song has a fascinating lilt which is quite spoilt if the alternate 3-4 is taken as a syncopated 6-8. I give the voicepart of the first verse. The repetition of the first line is a quaint touch :



The first shepherd begs Orpheus to notice how all nature shares in his rejoicing. The song ends in C major. A slight pause, and we hear an ominous M. Alligro; D., Lentement; Schneider (op. cit., p. 255), 'd'un chord of the sixth on C sharp, innocuous in any

other context, but here full of sinister foreboding. It is Silvia, the messenger, one of the companions of Eurydice. 'Ah, bitter sorrow,' she sings to a melody which is afterwards skilfully used as the bass of a five-part chorus. Orpheus overhears. 'Whence dost thou come, whither go? Nymph, tell thy tidings.' 'To thee, Orpheus, I come, cruel tidings I bear thee, a tragedy of bitterness and grieving.' And then—





The beauty of this is not peculiar to any one age or epoch; it does not have to be analysed by the scholar or defended by the antiquarian. All men have felt emotion like this at some time or other. Schneider well says: 'Nous ne sommes plus ici en face d'un compositeur échafaudant des notes; nous avons devant nous un homme que pleure véritablement.' Eitner introduces strange chords which profess to bridge the gaps that were never meant to be bridged. It is German scholarship of this type that tempts the choleric to blaspheme.

The rest is soon told. Orpheus declares that he will recover his bride from the dead or else remain with her below. The Messenger renounces the light of day and departs to lead a life of solitary penance. Two shepherds sing a dirge for the death of Eurydice, a victim to the serpent's fangs, and for the loss of Orpheus, torn from them by the bitterness of grief. With the chorus 'Ah,

bitter sorrow' the Act closes.

In Act 3 Orpheus, guided by Hope, arrives at the bank of the Styx, where Charon greets him and warns him not to force his way into Tartarus. There follows the impressive little symphony quoted by Mr. Howes (p. 510), and the long and elaborate solo with which Orpheus tries to win Charon's heart. The old ferryman refuses to be charmed, but the sweetness of the song at length induces slumber, and Orpheus passes across to the other shore, singing on his way, 'O give me back my love, Tartarean spirits.' A chorus of spirits comments on the invincibility of man's will.

The scene of Act 4 is Hades. Pluto sits in state to receive the suppliant, who by the advocacy of Persephone is granted his desire. In thankfulness he sings a pean of joy to his lyre which has thus won his victory for him. This is the climax of the work, and the composer rose to the occasion with a tune which (but for posterity) would have been numbered among the world's noblest me'odies.\* The triumph is short-lived. As Orpheus leads his bride back to the world above, he turns to look at her and she is taken from him. The chorus of spirits, once more in philosophical mood, point out the danger of desire and the glory of true virtue:

He only aye is glorious Who's o'er himself victorious,

In Act 5 Orpheus is wandering disconsolate through the plains of Thrace, Echo following him as he laments his misfortune and sings of the matchless beauty and goodness of Eurydice. Apollo opportunely descends in a cloud, and takes Orpheus with him to heaven, there to behold his lovely bride for ever.

The final chorus is followed by a moresca, danced by shepherds. Schneider suggests that it was intended as 'le morceau de vestiaire,' during which the audience prepared to leave the theatre. In any case, to the sophisticated mind it seems an anticlimax, and one feels that the opera would have ended more appropriately with the final chorus.

It will be seen from this rough outline of the story that the dramatic interest is slight, and that consequently the music bears a greater burden on its shoulders. Only in Acts 2 and 4 are there what could be called dramatic moments, and it is remarkable that in spite of this handicap the level of inspiration remains so high throughout. Words like this may seem strange to those who regard 'Orfee' as a peculiar kind of fossil, presumably interesting to its contemporaries, but unworthy of any serious attention to-day. It never occurs to them that the dry bones can live, or that inspiration is not a quality peculiar to those favoured persons who are more nearly connected with their own epoch. They fall to see that the more remote a work is, the more necessary it is really to live with it in order to know It is not sufficient to subject this music to the critical microscope. It is stifled by the air of the study and the library. To hear its beauties revealed by singers of flesh and blood is a very different thing from examining the faded pages and obsolete notation of an antique score. Criticism like that of Burney then appears impertinent, and it is not the composer who is shown up, but the doctor.

One of the most interesting features of Monteverde's style is the picturesque setting which he gives to particular words and phrases. He himself said, 'The declamation is expressed by the music,' but it would have been obvious without the assurance. A good example of his word-painting is the beginning of one of the choruses in the long simile which I have already mentioned, particularly

<sup>8</sup> Quoted by Mr. Howes (in part), p. 511: E. 202, M. 105, D. 56. What does Hawkins mean by saving 'solo airs there are none'?

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But there is no place for a Csharp in the vocal parts, and so far from it being necessary to avoid a discord Monteverde clearly intended one on the word 'aspro.'\* Burney realised this, and read what is almost certainly right :

he offending sharp is, in fact, a natural which has saped from before the B where it should have stood, just as the B in the alto part is marked with a atural. An interesting parallel to this occurs in the pologue, the significant chord falling on the word



50 also in the Messenger's first solo:



he discord accentuates the effect of 'acerbo.' Nor sit only bitterness which the music expresses. This elightful little flourish (from a shepherd's song) oth looks and sounds like a ripple of laughter :

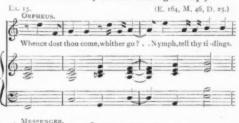
The English version is: 'And after biting frost of naked winter.' E. and D. read D sharp in the bass, and D.'s translation misses the



It would be easy to go on multiplying examples of this picturesque method. But any one who looks into the work at all closely cannot fail to discover them. As most of them occur in recitative, it may be interesting to give one from a chorus as a last instance. The other parts follow the second tenor in imitation:



Another device worth noticing is the climax reached by an ascending scale or sequence, a process which afterwards became a commonplace and the chief resource of every Kapellmeister who ever set pen to paper. There are two good examples, both from the Messenger scene in Act 2. The first is the anxious cry of Orpheus, followed by the restrained melancholy of the Messenger's reply :





The other is from the Messenger's long narrative, where she describes the last moments of Eurydice. (The reading of the fourth bar is that of the 1615 edition. M. differs from E. and D.):



The forces required for the performance of 'Orfeo' are considerable. The solo singers (some of whom are members of the chorus) number seventeen, thus:

Sopranos (6): Spirit of Music, Nymph, Eurydice, Messenger, Hope, Persephone. Altos (1): 2nd Shepherd.

Tenors (7): Orpheus, 1st and 3rd Shepherds, 1st and 2nd Spirits, Echo, Apollo. Basses (3): Charon, Pluto, 3rd Spirit.

However, some of the parts can easily be doubled, e.g., the Spirit of Music, Eurydice, the Messenger, and Hope, can all be performed by one person. The five-part disposition of the chorus varies. Sometimes the sopranos are divided, sometimes the tenors. The spirits of the underworld are altos, tenors, and basses, sopranos apparently being considered unsuitable for Pluto's choir. No doubt the real reason is that Monteverde wanted a sombre tone-quality (compare the opening of the second number of Brahms's 'Requiem'). Of the orchestra there is not much need to speak. Mr. Howes has given the list of the instruments in his article (p. 509). He goes on to say:

How are we to modernise this? . . . We could either hand the whole score to Sir Edward Elgar and get him to give us a modern version complete with tubas and triangles-this would be the course that Monteverde himself would have wished to see adopted or, unable to divest ourselves entirely of our antiquarian scruples, we might prefer to keep as near the original as possible, and merely make a few substitutions for the impossibly obsolete instruments.

I am bound to say that the first of these suggestions does not commend itself. There is no harm in orchestrating a work like the Bach C minor Fugue, which is (presumably) already fairly wellknown in its original form, though it is ridiculous to say that Bach would have revelled in it. But to present a work in a new dress when we are unacquainted with its proper garb is a particularly obnoxious form of artistic deceitfulness. Orchestral resources and styles of composition are not so independent of each other that any work can naturally and easily be transplanted to a new setting. At the same time, it is of course impossible to reproduce exactly the original orchestration. The following scheme, which is much less drastic than the suggestions of Mr. Howes, will be found on comparison with the original list to form an adequate substitute, and to be reasonably economical:

2 Piccolos (flautini alla vigesima seconda).

2 Oboes 2 Clarinets (in unison, cornetti).

2 Trumpets (to play 1st and 2nd trombones where

necessary). 3 Trombones. Organ (with reed and flue stops). Harpsichord (or Pianoforte).

Particular interest attaches to the strings, as they are once used to accompany recitative, viz., at the end of Act 3, a very striking and unusual procedure. Their warm and restful tone provides a marked contrast to the more severe combination of organ and lute, which has gone before. A special study might well be made of the instruments used for accompanying the recitative. It was no doubt the frequent changes in the Messenger scene that confirmed Hawkins in his belief that a special instrument was Gentleman of the Chapel Royal.

assigned to each character. Of the wind instruments in this list the oboes, clarinets, trumpets, and trombones play the seven-part symphonies. The piccolos are used, as in the original score, to give piquancy to the ballet in the first Act, and in the ritornello in The organ employs reed or fine thirds in Act 2. stops according as it represents the 'regale' or the

'organo di legno.'

It is a mistake to look for foreshadowings of later Such an attitude prevents one styles in 'Orfeo.' from seeing the fruits of Monteverde's genius in their true light. But a lesson may be learnt from his innovations. It appears that they are most successful when they seem to come most from the heart. We smile at the florid scales for cornetti or violins. Here he was trying to be impressive, and we feel that it does not quite come off. In just the same way, when we have recovered from our first rapturous prostration before the shrine of some modern prestidigitateur, hailed by his intimates as a genius, by the public as a fool, do we perceive that the tricks are threadbare, the bombast puerile. We cease to marvel, and realise that the Emperor has no clothes on.

It is over three hundred years since primitive brass blared out the rugged Toccata, and the curtain rose at Mantua before the 'offspring of princes.' Yet while Striggio's libretto has worn thin and the conceits of a more artificial age have become palpable, the freshness and vigour of the music remain untainted by so long a burial. It might be worth while to consider whether some of the energy which a belated patriotism has expended on resuscitating the Elizabethans-a process in which enthusiasm has not infrequently been anterior to discrimination-might not with advantage be devoted to extending a welcome to a patriarch from another clime. Perhaps the public is too sophisticated to listen with equanimity to simple recitative accompanied by harpsichord or organ Students again may laugh at the direction con tuth li stromenti, and go away to introduce some new and hideous instrument of percussion into their most recent All this can only be determined symphonic poems. by the event.

It has not been the purpose of this article to give the history of 'Orfeo,' which can be collected from the ordinary works of reference, nor to attempt a complete critical estimate of it as an artistic creation. It has been sufficient to touch on some of its many aspects. To do justice to the harmonic and melodi invention, to the expressiveness of the recitative, and the vigour of the choruses, homophonic and contrapuntal alike, would require a more ample exegesis. An opportunity for renewing acquaintance with the work will be afforded on December, 7. 8, and 9, when it will be performed in English at Oxford. Particulars were announced in last month's Musical

Times.

# NEW LIGHT ON LATE TUDOR COMPOSERS By W. H. GRATTAN FLOOD XIV.-WILLIAM HUNNIS

Although the fame of William Hunnis is more closely connected with the development of the English drama than with that of music, yet he composed a good deal, and was also Master of the Children of the Chapel Royal for thirty-one years. He was born circa 1530, and in 1551 became a One thing is

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Hunnis was undoubtedly imbued with the reming doctrines under Edward VI.; yet Queen Mary retained his services in the Chapel Royal.\* However, in March, 1556, he was found to be note or less implicated in a Protestant plot, and es deprived of his post. In 1559 he was restored oder Queen Elizabeth, and as a mark of favour ms appointed Keeper of the Queen's Gardens at menwich, for life, at a salary of 12d. a day, by

Patent dated June 20, 1562.

On the death of Richard Edwards, on October 31, :56. Hunnis was appointed his successor as Master the Children of the Chapel, and was sworn into hat office on November 15, 1566, at an annuity of 10 the number of boys being twelve. Five months aler, on April 18, 1567, he was granted a commission take up choristers for the Chapel Royal. These horisters were selected as much to be boy-actors as ingers in the Chapel, and at Shrovetide (February 29-March 2), 1568, Hunnis presented his players at Court, giving a yearly performance till 1572. In that ear, on January 6, he produced a play called Narcissus'; and on Shrove-Sunday, 1576, his familie venture was rewarded by the sum of 13 6s. 8d. From 1576 to 1580 Hunnis joined orces with Farrant, both companies being styled the 'Children of the Chapel,' with Farrant as nanager or producer. Their first play was Mutius Scaevola,' given on January 6, 1577, for hich the Queen allowed an extra £10 in addition to the usual fee of £6 13s. 4d.

Meantime Hunnis did not neglect the musical side if his appointment, and on December 11, 1578, a work of his entitled 'A Hive Full of Hunny' was tensed to Thomas Dawson. This quaint work conained 'The first book of Moses, called Genesis, turned nto English metre,' with a melody in the minor node. Three years later, on November 7, 1581, Hunnis issued 'VII. Steppes to Heaven, alias the III. Psalmes reduced into meter,' of which a second edition appeared in 1583 under the varied title of Seven Sobbes of a Sorrowful Soull for Sinnes, rinted by Henrie Denham in Aldersgate Street at he Sign of the Starre, dedicated to the Countess of

Sussex-with musical setting.

In addition to his three printed volumes, Hunnis omposed many sacred pieces, which are in MS., in the Music School, Oxford. His 'Alack, when I look lack,' was revised by Byrd (see 'Tudor Church Music,

10l. 2, William Byrd, page 223).

On Farrant's death (November 30, 1580), his vidow sold the lease of the Blackfriars to Hunnis, the continued to train the Children of the Chapel Royal for the Queen's delectation. The Children of lindsor do not appear to have acted after 1580, and, as Prof. Wallace writes, 'from that time forth December 20, 1581, the Widow Farrant signed a onfirmatory lease of her whole property to William Hunnis and John Newman, at an increased rental of 613s. 4d., and Hunnis presented Court plays by his ys during the years 1581, 1582, and 1583.

At length the Earl of Oxford, believing in Lyly's bility to do great things in drama, bought the lackfriars lease, and in June, 1583, made a present

of it to Lyly. In the winter of 1583-84 the Earl of Oxford's boys-that is to say, the combined forces of the Children of the Chapel and the Children of St. Paul's Cathedral, under William Hunnis and Thomas Gyles respectively—gave several Court plays, including 'Alexander and Campaspe' (which has the charming lyric 'Cupid sang, Campaspe played') on January 1, 1584, and 'Sapho and Phao' on the following Shrove Tuesday, March 3, at night. Hunnis received £20 for presenting two plays—on Twelfth Day and on Shrove Tuesday, 1584. However, in May, 1584, Sir William More got an order from the Sheriff of London awarding him possession of Lyly's theatre, and thus ended the first Blackfriars Theatre and the Children's plays under their master,

From 1585 to 1597 Hunnis devoted himself to the training of the children for the Chapel solely, and composed some sacred music for them. A new edition of his 'Seven Sobbes of a Sorrowful Soull'

was issued in 1587.

His death occurred on June 6, 1597, and three days later Nathaniel Gyles, Mus. Bac., Master of the Children of Windsor since October 1, 1595, was sworn Gentleman of the Chapel Royal and Master of the Children, receiving a Patent for his appointment on July 14, 1597.

## CRITICS IN EXCELSIS

### BY ARTHUR T. FROGGATT

Disraeli said that the critics were the men who had failed. A recent writer puts it in this way: One might describe the average art critic as a parasite living on the endeavour of others.' I am disposed to think that these judgments are not undeserved-at all events the second, which only applies to the average critic. But what of those who are below the average? I remember one who was fined two hundred pounds for a false and malicious libel, and escaped punishment because all his possessions (so he said) were the property of his father. So, possibly, they do not always succeed in living on the endeavour of others.' At any rate, let us hope not.

Of course on this occasion I confine my remarks to musical criticism, without reference to such works of art as the memorial to Epstein-I beg pardon, I mean the memorial to Hudson. But the criticism we meet with is often calculated to take our breath away-possibly, intentionally so calculated. We are inclined to wish that it were a little less emphatic, a little less sweeping. We might even desire that the critics were a trifle more in agreement one with another. It is somewhat disconcerting to feel compelled radically to revise our estimate of the great composers every few months or so.

Most of us were educated in the belief that Henry Purcell stood at the head of English composers. But two years ago it became necessary to celebrate the Tercentenary of William Byrd; and some time earlier-I suppose as one of the preparations for that event-it was discovered that he was the greatest English composer. (I remember, in this connection, the late Dr. McNaught congratulating the Musical Association on the fact of England possessing more than one greatest composer.) We were told, indeed, that Purcell was a pigmy compared with Byrd. In the Tercentenary year an eminent musician, after praising Byrd, warned us

See 'Queen Mary's Chapel Royal,' by the present writer, in the willish Historical Review (1918).

that we might soon be talking nonsense about him; but it seemed to me that the advice came rather late. However, another musician informed me that he preferred Byrd to Palestrina, the music of the latter being too smooth—I think that was the adjective. I took this to mean that when listening to a piece of 16th-century music we expect occasional crudities, and are disappointed if we do not get them.

With respect to the comparative merits of Byrd and Purcell, I should have thought it might be sufficient to say that they were the greatest English musicians of the 16th and 17th centuries respectively. Ouseley, by the way, seems to have preferred Tallis to Byrd; and possibly Ouseley was as good a judge as any of those who now instruct us in these matters. But the custom (for it has become a custom) which I deprecate is not so much the pitting of one composer against another, as the absurd depreciation of the one whom it is the fashion to despise, or the equally absurd exaltation of the other whom it is the fashion to adore. Most of the great composers have

had the misfortune to suffer in both ways.

A short time ago I was astounded at reading in the musical column of one of the great London dailies that Orlando Gibbons's 'Hosanna to the Son of David' was perhaps the finest piece of sacred music ever written. Not the finest by Gibbons, not the finest by any Englishman, but the finest ever written. The 'perhaps' of course was an indication that the habit of 'hedging'-almost universal among musical critics when discussing new works-had not been entirely laid aside. But think of it. If the writer had said that this anthem was 'perhaps' the finest sixty-six bars of sacred music ever written, I might, in this year of enthusiasm, have agreed with But when I reflect that such things as the 'St. Matthew' Passion, the Mass in B minor, the Requiem Masses of Cherubini and Mozart, the Missa Solemnis, to mention only a few trifles, are in existence, I can only conclude that this particular critic had lost all sense of proportion-temporarily, of course.

Talking of 'hedging,' how changed are the methods of criticism since the days when Joseph Bennett had the courage to declare that a certain oratorio was the finest since 'Elijah.' (I don't say he wasn't right.) But now we seldom go beyond saying that the present work marks the latest stage in the talented composer's progress—which very likely it does, whether the upward progress tend towards heaven or merely into the clouds. It is only when dealing with the great masters that the critic seeks

to astonish us.

I do not know that I have ever heard much abuse of Haydn-for some years he was simply treated with silent contempt. Very occasionally the first part of 'The Creation' was honoured by a performance, but his Symphonies, and even his Quartets, were laid aside. Now there are signs of a change for the better. A few Symphonies were revived during last year's Promenade concerts, and I am delighted to find that eleven were included in the programmes of the recent season. With Mozart it has been very different. 'Childish' was, I think, With Mozart the favourite epithet for his music. Sometimes it was received with a patronage which was even more offensive than abuse, as though one should say, 'How nice it really is, after all!' I could name an examiner who said to a candidate, 'Now play this silly little piece by Mozart.' But I have been much amused lately by reading great praise of Mozart, chiefly from critics who are learning to sneer at Beethoven. It has been discovered that Mozari's music is absolutely perfect. And this although he knew nothing of the whole-tone scale!

At the present time Beethoven is on the down grade. I have seen it stated that not more than ten of his Sonatas are worth playing. Quite recently we were told that the 'Pastoral' Symphony belongs to a type which is fast passing away—I forget the exact words. Remarks of this kind have been tolerably frequent of late. It happens just now to be the correct thing to take every opportunity for exaling Bach; and in order to do this effectively it is of course necessary to depreciate Beethoven. Next year it may be the other way about.

Mendelssohn, at one time ranked with Handel and Beethoven and for years placed above Schuman and Chopin, has long been removed from his pedestal. There are, I venture to believe, some signs of a revival of favour. At all events his music has never failed to attract the multitude. Perhaps that is why some of our modernists hate him so thoroughly.

A mastery of form has not been commonly reckoned among the many great qualities of Chopin's music. A few years ago, however, I read a series of articles which was intended to prove that in reality this was one of its strongest points. This year, from another source, I have learnt why it is that his music so often fails to p'ease. This is all rather amusing, if at the

same time a little perplexing.

One of the most fatuous pieces of criticism I ever heard was uttered, a good many years ago, during the discussion following the reading of a paper (written by myself) on Liszt's Symphonic Poems. The speaker (a Cathedral organist, by the way), who was unable to agree with my estimate of Liszt, quoted Mendelssohn as having described Liszt's compositions as 'the apotheosis of commonplace.' In view of the fact that Mendelssohn died before the Symphonic Poems were produced, this was pretty good.

I once entered a concert room, on the seats of which I saw copies of a hand-bill liberally sprinkled. I took up one of these, and read thereon the opinion of 'the celebrated critic, Mr. X.,' on the merits of the artists who were about to perform. I raised my eyes and beheld the 'celebrated critic' himself two or three rows of stalls away. I couldn't below wondering whether he was feeling comfortable or

uncomfortable.

I have avoided mention of the name of anyone living; but I wish to take this opportunity for paying a tribute to the memory of one who has passed awar. To my mind, Sir George Grove was an admirable example of all that a critic should be. Almost invariably accurate in matters of fact, devoted to the classics, yet always ready to welcome new world genius, accomplished in many different ways, warm-hearted and full of enthusiasm, no one who knew him even slightly, as I did, would ever dream of associating him with 'the men who had failed.' And he had the saving grace of modesty.

Mr. R. J. Pitcher will give a lecture-demonstration of 'The Techniquer' at the London Academy of Music, of December 15, at 8, with Dr. Yorke Trotter in the chair. Admission is free.

The Reigate Choral Society's plans for the season include a performance of 'Hiawatha' in December and a missellaneous programme in the spring.

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A good handful of Schubert's songs is now well sublished in the school singing class, and even in the junior solo classes at some competition festivals. The sisted by Novello as Book 273 of their 'School sings' series. Most of the favourites are here—le Maria,' 'Courage,' 'Litany,' 'The Organ cinder,' 'Peace,' 'The Trout,' 'Who is Sylvia?' to the form is handy, the price low (it works out less than a penny per song!), and the voice-part mars in both notations. Obviously the collection hold be of great service, not only in schools but to got students and teachers generally.

Afurther half-dozen songs by Bernard van Dieren me from the Oxford University Press. His methods et discussed pretty fully by a colleague in a recent set of this journal, so there is no need for lengthy cism. No one can question the sincerity and in ideals of the composer, nor can one deny the quent beauty of the music. Yet the result is s convincing than it ought to be. The interest ecessarily difficult; and the composer appears to stain some practical considerations in the layingg and notation. For example, in the setting of spréaux's Chanson ('Voici les lieux charmants') pianoforte part is set out mainly in such small me as to be almost undecipherable to the player. he reason for this uncomfortable method is thus en in a Note :

The effect to be aimed at is to obtain a balance of sund which, while allowing the big notes to stand out, preserves those printed in small type sufficiently clear and distinct to make them heard as a supporting phythony (e.g., a relation similar to cor anglais and sings).

surely the part to be made prominent can be indied by the customary signs; a player of intelligence be trusted to realise 'a supporting polyphony' hout its being printed so minutely as it is here. his Note points to another weakness of the composer: kis too often writing for one medium and thinking terms of another. His pianoforte parts abound in ages that are obviously conceived in the idiom string and wind combinations. In addition to the ason, the songs received are 'Balow' (anonymous diof 16th century), a Sonnet of Spenser for tenor nd eleven solo instruments, Mörike's 'Schön traut,' a passage from de Quincey's 'Levana and wladies of sorrow,' and 'Weep you no more, sad tains.' The Mörike song and 'Balow' contain exquisite passages, but both are blemished by sional over-elaboration. However, a reviewer ites these strictures with diffidence. The whole-and advocacy of such a singer as John Goss les one hesitate. Clearly the proof lies in an sual degree in performance, so it is to be hoped Mr. Goss and others of like enterprise will give public a chance of getting on terms with this th-debated composer. In the present stage, ever, it is difficult to avoid an impression that m Dieren is more interesting to the singer and per than to the listener.

Agood many other songs have been received from 'Phillis was a fair maid,' all three anonymous, and 'Sigh no more, ladies,' by Thomas Ford. All are good, and the last is extremely interesting and effective,

pianoforte, of seven poems by Thomas Hardy is highly provocative, and at first sight its interest seems to lie chiefly in that quality. The ironic and grim outlook of so many of our younger song-composers rarely makes for attractive music, and this collection, one feels, overworks the vein. Mr. Foss (again in the fashion) is inclined to work a figure thread-bare, and he appears to forget that a progression designed for reiteration should not as a rule contain any specially striking feature, especially in regard to harmony. Thus the very effective opening bar of 'The Sleep-Worker' gets on our nerves long before we have finished with it. Probably the composer intended it to do so, but he could have produced the desired effect of a quietly relentless and monotonous background without reminding us that composition on such lines is fatally easy. The accompaniment of 'The Dark-eyed Gentleman' is another example of the overworking of a figure—this time diatonic. A good deal of the harshness elsewhere seems to be forced and unconvincing, e,g, the opening bars of 'Night in the old home.' But the composer has something to say, and has only to suppress his originality complex in order to say it well. Some capital songs by E. J. Moeran are in the parcel. 'Troll the bewl' (Dekker) has some discords that exactly suit the text. (But those in the opening page depend upon the pianoforte part being not a bit louder than the mf indicated. It may well be only mp. The right proportion between the voice and pianoforte is more than usually important here.) The jolly, bell-like chords that develop as the song goes on are fine, and Moeran shows his knack in such details as the occasional and startling A natural in the bass on page 3, where everything leads one to expect the A rousing song, this, full of the gusto of the mighty topers of old. Very happy is Moeran's arrangement of the Suffolk folk-song, 'The Little Milkmaid.' 'Come away, death' is beautifully set; the sudden return to the original key at the end of the verse is not only daring and skilful, but poignant. (In bar 6 of the last page the first B in the left hand needs a flat.) In 'The merry month of May' (Dekker) the composer is again at his best, with a setting full of vivid life and fancy. It calls for a first-rate pianist, and yields full value for every note. These four Moeran songs are among the best things I have seen since Peter Warlock burst upon us. Gordon Slater's 'The Green Willow' is a simple and expressive setting of some traditional words. Edward Rubbra ventures on 'It was a lover and his lass,' but the result hardly justifies his daring. The words call for more light-heartedness than is here. His setting of Edward Thomas's 'Out in the dark' suggests monotony, cold, and remoteness very skilfully and yet simply. 'A Hymn to the Virgin' is too deliberately mediæval, and the retention of the old spelling and phraseology (some of which has to be explained in foot-notes) is surely 'precious.' We shall look for some good work from Mr. Rubbra when he has found himself and lost some too-easily imitated models, 'The Windmill' has for text some quaint words inscribed on an old Sussex mill-post; they have been set in the right vein by Colin Taylor. Four English songs of the early 17th century, transcribed and edited by Peter Warlock, consist of Like to the damask rose,' 'My thread is spun,' 'Phillis was a fair maid,' all three anonymous, and 'Sigh no more, ladies,' by Thomas Ford. All are

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From Elkins come some attractive songs. The best appear to be Robert Elkin's 'Spring goeth all in white' (Bridges), Ernest Austin's 'Sleep, little rose,' and Eric Fogg's 'Hunting Song of the Seeonee Pack' (Kipling). The last-named is particularly good, being highly graphic without a trace of far-fetchedness. Stanton Jefferies's setting of Austin Dobson's 'Ballad to Queen Elizabeth' fails in the matter of style, moments of the right directness being mixed with others in which some fashionable

and cloying dissonances intrude.

Among the latest issues from Winthrop Rogers is a good example of effective simplicity and directness in Maurice Besly's 'Siesta' ('Hushed the trees'). His 'Bend low thine ear' is also simple and tuneful, but its imitation of the 18th-century English song writers is too deliberate. In 'The Rolling English Road' Mr. Besly has the advantage of one of Chesterton's best poems, and so the result is attractive, but the music does not fully reflect the rich fantasy and humour of the poet. Alec Rowley's 'Derbyshire Song' (John Drinkwater) is delightful; his 'Mad Tom Tatterton' (same poet) is too fruitily harmonized towards the close. 'Mad songs' once had a great vogue. It is interesting to see how a modern composer tackles a difficult subject. This song must have a singer with good command of characterisation and tone-colour. Lily Strickland's 'Lonesome Moonlight' is a real ragtime song, a kind of sophisticated essay in the coon vein, 'Honey, ah'm a-settin' in de moonlight thinkin' of you; Seem lak yo' face keeps a-hantin' me.' Isn't this field pretty well exhausted, especially on its necessarily limited musical side? Wintter Watts in 'Blue are her eyes' makes effective use of a whole battery of conventions of the passionate, intense order.

Two outstanding things among the new Chester songs are Koenemann's 'The King and the Jester' and the Finale from Manuel de Falla's 'Master Peter's Puppet Show.' The Russian song is in the dramatico-satiric vein that these composers manage The text is in Russian, French, and English, the last being by Mrs. Newmarch. J. B. Trend supplies the English for the de Falla work, and Jean-Aubry the French. The original Spanish is also given. A bass or baritone is needed, and if a tenor (with a sense of humour) happens to be on hand to interpolate the little bits for Master Peter, so much the better, though the scena may apparently be sung by Don Quixote alone. The quality of the music makes one hope for a chance of hearing the complete opera. Eugène Bonner's 'Whispers of Heavenly Death' is a setting of three of Walt Whitman's poems. The music seems to be overloaded. A French version is added. Järnefelt's well-known Berceuse has had words written to it by Elisabeth M. Lockwood, and makes a pleasant

cradle-song

André Caplet's 'Ecoute, mon cœur' is a curious essay for voice and flute, the text being by Tagore, done into French. 'Deux Poèmes de Ronsard,' by Jacques Durand, are simple, but the first too faithfully follows an old model, and in the second the new and wearying convention of consecutive open fourths and fifths is overdone (Durand).

Ernest Bullock's 'For her gait if she be walking' at once impresses by its sincerity. The words, by William Browne, a Devonshire poet of 1588-1643, are a distinct 'find.' The composer has admirably caught the poet's blend of fancy and feeling. Gerrard Williams provides sprightly music to some words from Morley's First Book of Madrigals—'On a fair morning as I came by the way.' Albert Mallinson's setting of Browning's 'All the breath and the bloom of the year' shows the practised hand of the older school of song writers, and will please those who don't find the harmonization over-rick. Granville Bantock's 'Three Nocturnes,' issued under one cover, are successful essays in the Oriental vein he has exploited so often. All these songs come from Cramers.

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But Bantock is no more tied to the East than to any other part. Here he is, back once more in his native Highlands, with 'Three Shieling Songs' the words by a brither-Scot, Donald Mackense (Patersons). Singable and effective songs, and little the worse for the fact that some of the music might be exchanged with that of the Oriental songs noticed above without the listener being aware of a misfit.

Much more than mere antiquarian interest attaches to vol. 4 of 'English Ayres,' edited by Peter Warlock and Philip Wilson. The set consists of eight songs by Alfonso Ferrabosco the younger. These are worthy companions to the best of the type that have recently been revived. An interesting and lengthy biographical note is a capital feature (Enoch.

Coal-black mammies are no longer peculiar to coon songs, apparently. Mentioned here for its oddity is 'An Arab Lullaby' (the Folk Press containing an assurance that while jackals whine and palms rustle, my love, mammy's by the to-night. And after reading that 'Raiding afar the tribesmen are' we have a shock on finding that 'Daddy leads them on, dearie.' However, sleep, and 'you will hear your daddy dear, call "Wake thee! Wake thee, love!" The last verse considers the possibility of daddy biting the dust during the diry work at the cross-roads:

Or I shall see the jackals flee That have been feasting late: And bow to Allah's blest decree, Knowing thy Daddy's fate.

The music to this curious mixture is quite without character, suggesting neither lullaby, desert, palms, nor raid.

H. G.

# CHAMBER MUSIC

Alexander Tcherepnin's music is always that of the practical musician rather than that of the theorist and his Trio for violin, 'cello, and pianoforte (Durand is no exception. But when all has been said that should be said for an able, industrious, and gifted composer, one heavy handicap remains, for there are moments in more than one of his compositions when the music suggests that Tcherepnin lacks a sense of humour. We do not expect him to be witty at ou expense or to make merry about the weaknesses of his predecessors or contemporaries. But a sense of humour implies, amongst other things, a capacity for just measures, the quick realisation that the sublime s on the point of turning, and becoming ridiculeus The insistence on certain rhythmic figures is apt t make listeners giggle, even when the composer mean them to be terrifying. All the quavers from section to the end of the first movement may produce that effect, and the same may be said of the melodic figure which starts at the Più mosso in the second move ment and carries on to the end. To our thinking, 2

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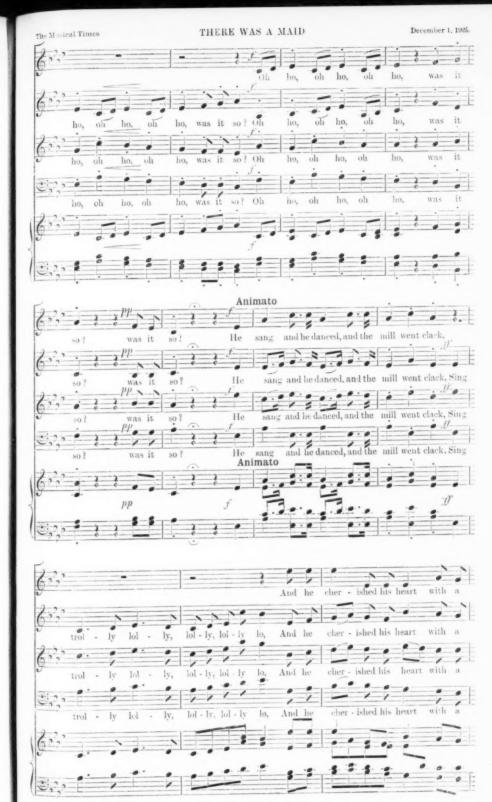




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composer endowed with a keen sense of humour rould have avoided or tried to avoid the repetition and the loss of effect. If Albert Roussel's second sonata for violin and pianoforte (Durand) does not mite convince us, the reason is that it errs in the opposite direction. The composer is at pains to prove that he is clever, that he has wit, that he is not sentimental, that he is modern in deed and feeling. He convinces us that he actually is all that; but, to he quite frank, we should prefer proof of purely musical tastes and beauty—above all, proof of a temperament more thoughtful than brilliant, more sincere than sensational. B. V.

#### PIANOFORTE MUSIC

The most interesting things in a big parcel from Durand, Paris, are some pieces by Alexandre Tcherepnin—a formidable Nocturne in E flat minor, Feuilles Libres,' a set of four short pieces, and Pièces sans titres,' a collection of eight. The sets of pieces, some of which are only moderately difficult, contain some very striking things. Tcherepnin's keyboard-writing differs from that of most modern composers in that it is on the slender side. But everything tells, and he is rarely deluded into the all-too-common belief that the instrument can sing. He exploits to the full its dry, percussive qualities. This means, of course, that much of his pianoforte music is unemotional in the ordinary sense of the term; and although he can at times plumb the depths of uncomfortable misery (as in No. 2 of the 'Feuilles Libres'), he is at his best in the bizarre. André Pascal's 'Deux Nocturnes de la Mer' are a tangle of dissonances that seem to yield little for the trouble. Rhéné-Baton's 'Dans la clarière' is more negotiable and attractive, but the figure of the opening is perhaps overworked. One of the results of the anti-emotional phase of to-day seems to be the composition of pieces for such non-sustaining, inicky instruments as the guitar and harp. Some of these bear transplanting to the pianoforte, but they soon begin to sound of the harp, harpy. Here are André Caplet's 'Divertissements' ('A la Français' and 'A l'Espagnole'), Gabriel Fauré's 'Une Châtelaine en sa Tour,' for harp, all transcribed by Jacques Durand; and Albert Roussel's 'Segovia,' for guitar, arranged for pianoforte by the composer. Of these, he Fauré piece seems most worth while.

Very successful examples of transcription are 'Deux Danses Espagnoles' from Manuel de Falla's 'La ida Breve. Both are arranged by G. Samazeuilh for solo and duet. Only the solo form of No. 1 and the duet version of No. 2 have been received for review. The duet form appears to suit the dances best. They are published by Chester. From this enter-prising house comes also an 'Album of Modern Bohemian Composers' that should not be missed by those who want to get on terms with a group of writers likely to increase in importance. Seven are represented here—Otakar Sin, Jaroslav Křička, Alois Hába, Ladislav Vycpálek, K. B. Jirák, Boneslav Vomáčka, and Vilém Petrželka. There is, of tourse, a fair share of modern harmonic spice, but there is plenty of genuinely attractive writing, e.g., a tuneful Serenade by Křička, a lively Gavotte by itak, and a beautiful, tender, and original Lullaby by Vycpálek. Some sets of pieces by Dvorák have interest, but are not, I think, the best Dvorák-

Impromptus. Dalhousie Young's 'Rigaudon,' strongly reminiscent of the Sailor's Hornpipe (apparently with intent) ends by overworking the reminiscence. The same composer's 'China Town, Humoresque de Concert,' is constructed mainly over a little group of consecutive fifths. But there is a conflict of styles, for the theme that goes with the fifths suggests a part of London farther west, and in the middle section we are switched off into an old-fashioned tarantelle.

Rupert Erlebach's 'Mystic Suite' (Curwen) is difficult to play, and perhaps even more difficult to understand. It shows a fine command of the technique of composition and of keyboard writing, but like so much present-day music it is too consistently discordant, and contains an overdose of features that a few years ago were bold and in some cases refreshing enough - consecutives, modal touches, queer conglomerations of notes, and so forth-but which are already becoming a new set of conventions. One longs more and more for a young composer who can say something worth the saying without such an elaborate paraphernalia and such frantic cerebration. Composers are becoming so aggressively clever that the public for contemporary music is likely to decrease: the vogue for 17th- and 18th-century music of all kinds is not without significance. Our big schools of music contain scores of young folk, hardly out of their 'teens, who can orchestrate better than Berlioz, exploit the possibilities of the pianoforte more fully than Chopin, and reel out by the yard polyphony compared with which the average texture of Bach is simple. And yet . .

A set of Four Pieces by Jon Leifs (Max Thomas, Magdeburg) almost takes the palm for sheer ugliness. The very first number, a 'Valse lento,' sets one's few remaining teeth on edge by a constant use simultaneously of major and minor tonality; and in No. 3 the left hand plays almost throughout in ninths, often against stacks of unrelated notes in the right hand. When in No. 4 M. Leifs sets out to write a short piece in what he calls' classic style,' he becomes merely dull, despite such features of 'classical style' as a time-signature of 4-4, 2-4, 3-4, combined, and sudden alternations at a beat's distance of ff and mp.

Yvonne Adair's 'Suite in 18th-century style; Handelesques!' (ugh! what a word!) is, as the composer admits in a Foreword, 'sheer imitation.' As such it is good, though so long as there are piles of Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and other old keyboard music waiting for the young player, one fails to see the object of such imitative writing save for purposes of study in composition-and not for publication. From an educational point of view the chief value of the pieces lies in the fingering added by Nancy Gilford, who has aimed at developing the weak fourth and fifth fingers (Forsyth).

Bach's Sonatas for flute and pianoforte, Nos. 1-3, have just been issued in one book, edited by Louis Fleury.

## PIANOFORTE DUETS

G. Samazeuilh has made an excellent transcription for four hands of a 'Danse Espagnole' from Manuel de Falla's 'La Vida Breve.' It calls for good players (Chester).

The duet has its place in teaching, and for this purpose two sets by Geoffrey Shaw are first-rate. In his 'Six Traditional Melodies' the primo part of Three Album Leaves, Four Eclogues, and Two four, and the secondo of two of the pieces, may be

played by a youngster of rather meagre technique. Six Sea Songs' are rather more difficult, but not too much so for the average fairly advanced pupil. The tunes are 'Spanish Ladies,' 'High Barbary,' 'The Arethusa,' 'Bobby Shaftoe,' 'Lowlands,' and 'To all you ladies.' So good is the treatment that grown-ups with a healthy taste for bold and lively music will enjoy them no less than the young people Mr. Shaw probably had in mind. Both sets are published by

For cases where there is one good player and one in the very earliest stages nothing could be better than André Caplet's 'Un tas de petites choses' 'Pour les enfants bien sages'). The five lengthy pieces have for primo a simple theme based on the five-finger exercise, beneath which is a secondo rich and strange. The resource, especially harmonic, is extraordinary. Striking, too, is the variety in character, the pieces being a Berceuse, a Danse Slovaque, a Barcarolle, a Petite Marche bien Française (in -which the 'Marseillaise' makes a stirring appearance), and a 'Petit Truc Embetant.' The part for 'les petites mains' is always in C, but that for 'les autres' moves through the sharps and flats regardless. And it always sounds right. This most engaging work can be even more fully enjoyed by two grown-ups, provided they don't quarrel over sharing the 'fat.

Many readers have chuckled over the delightful erses, 'When we were young,' of A. A. Milne, either in Punch week by week or in the collected form. The most popular of the set was, perhaps, 'The King's Breakfast.' It has now been issued separately, set to music by H. Fraser Simson, with illustrations by E. H. Shepard. Mr. Milne has written an amusing Introduction that will appeal to all adults, and to the older among the children. Mr. Fraser Simson's music and Mr. Shepard's thumb-nail sketches could hardly be bettered. Here is a giftbook of whose success there can be no doubt (Methuen: and Ascherbergs).

#### STRING SOLOS

Chesters have just published 'Salve edited by Granville Bantock: 'Fantastic Poem, composed by Granville Bantock; and 'Londonderry Air, arranged by Granville Britton. They are all for 'cello and pianoforte, but 'Salve Regina' can also be played on the violin or viola, and in the 'Londonderry Air' arrangement the violin can take the place of the 'cello. Perhaps it is hardly necessary to say that 'Salve Regina' is well edited; Granville Bantock is a past master at that game. As a string piece, however, 'Salve Regina has a serious drawback in that its compass is that of the voice and not of the violin or 'cello. It never

the weakest compass of the fiddle. The 'Fantastic Poem' on the other hand exploits the resources of the 'cello with considerable felicity, and the music has all the polish and dexterous touch so characteristic of its composer. The 'Londonderry Air' is a less happy experiment. Its 'arrangement' is mainly an affair of harmonic structure, and in this sense quite a worthy thing. But the soloist-'cellist or violinist-has to sing the melody unadorned by double stoppings or by those happy strokes which or in the succession of his compositions, we feel that

make, for instance, Kreisler's arrangements so popular. This great melody suggests better things even if they imply greater difficulty. A 'Gavotte and Musette,' by Spencer Dyke (Joseph Williams), is simple, harmless, and not unattractive.

#### VIOLIN METHODS

We have received two violin methods purporting to deal in a presumably new fashion with technical problems-O. C. Dounis's 'The Staccato' (the Strad Edition) and Léon J. Fontaine's second book of graduated 'Studies for the Violin' (Paxton). Well. there is nothing new under the sun. 'Graduated' studies have been published long ago, and all that can be said about the staccato has been said by the more thoughtful men who have controlled the teaching of violin playing in the last hundred Nevertheless both volumes would seem to have their uses. The competitive festival has kindled ambition in players who live away from the great centres where capable teaching can be had for the asking. These young musicians would have been content to play somehow or other before the advent of the festival. The days of the 'somehow or other' are now over. Those who lack a teacher capable of supervising their progress and to detect and correct in the shortest possible time and physical or intellectual weakness should find both volumes helpful-'The Staccato' because, leaving nothing to chance, the author explores and explains in copious notes every corner of the field; the Graduated Studies' because the increasing difficulty of each forward step has been measured to a nicety, By the way, a better word than 'Staccato' should be adopted to define this special bowing. 'Staccato' means 'detached'-nothing more. It consequently applies to passages where each note is bowed with a separate stroke and to passages where many notes are played in one bow,

# The Musician's Bookshelf

'Robert Schumann.' By Frederick Niecks. Edited by Christina Niecks.

Dent, 10s. 6d.]

This is not an introduction to the subject. It is a book meant for him who already knows the outline, and above all loves Schumann's music.

The method is a patient amassing of detail, with, every now and then, a general glance round. Given an interesting enough theme, this is a good method. Nothing that Prof. Niecks has here to tell us is dull because a gilding gleam falls on everything from the glory of Schumann's music. In the earlier part of the book Niecks's details have often only a distant connection with Schumann. That does not matter. They illustrate a period and a society which bore a charming musical school, and so are interesting to a musical reader.

Prof. Niecks did not carry out his scheme quite on the heroic lines he had in mind. As the tale goes on the treatment becomes more summary, and Schumann's later musical works are not discussed as

the earlier ones were.

Perhaps the biographer became oppressed, as the reader certainly is, by the heavy melancholy of the later years. It always requires an effort to realise that Schumann was only forty-six when he died. If we have followed his career either in the outward events

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The mystery faces us again in Prof. Niecks's book, which states the case vividly but does not clear it up. Probably the only solution would take the form of a pshological statement, and Niecks, though he tells us much that he learnt about Schumann from many contemporaries, does not bring in the medical evidence.

All the same he is not of the tiresome tribe of thitewashing biographers. His candour is refreshing, and inspires confidence. He does not attempt to the healts of the youthful Schumann—his adolence, laxness in money affairs, and addiction to strong drink. He attempts to get at the truth of this period, just as he does later on, when he comes to the small Düsseldorf chapters. What happened in the meantime?

The spoilt, irresponsible, brilliant youth sobered buth, and only too rapidly and completely. He who hadbeen wild and fantastical became simply glum. He won his Clara, whom he idolised and then martyrised. Even the grey light of the later years was not to last ing. The end was rapid cerebral decay.

There are fairness, frankness, and good sense in Niecks's comments. He puts the case for the City Fathers of Düsseldorf against the indignant schumanns. Chorus and orchestra were going to pieces under this impossible conductor. The oddest thing is that Clara—delightfully infatuated with her near Robert even after years of his queerness, not to speak of a large family—seems never to have suspected that he simply had not the first notions of conducting. In fact, one of the minor puzzles of the sory is the nature of the celebrated Clara's musical antiligence. She was an admirable executant, issuedly, and understood some things well, but her limitations were strange.

Another thing is Schumann's attitude towards the ordestra and the opera. He aspired to write for them, but out of a sort of modesty, not to say a sense of propriety, he shunned a close acquaintance with their nature and exactions. Can it be that the musical modery of a piano-playing wife counted at all here? No one could argue that domestic felicity killed

Schumann's genius, for it was at its strongest in the two or three years after his marriage. But he tentainly succumbed to the contemporary demand for domesticated music. The German family life of the time could absorb any quantity of mild and miable pianoforte pieces, chamber music, and partsongs—'originality no object.' Mendelssohn was the ideal, and the superiority of Schumann's genius, obvious as it is to-day, seems to have struck no one.

Schumann was indeed accepted, but by a public with a large appetite and rather mediocre taste. The flash and fancy of his youthful pieces, which we now prize so much, were passed over, instead of being seen as the rarest vein. Schumann's muse was amed by her surroundings—and was fortunate in that, unlike Sterndale Bennett's, she was not wholly dinguished. The 1840's did not want brilliant, sayward music-makers. Schumann was respectabilitated, while Wagner remained suspect.

At the present time, when music has cut itself free from all domestic trammels (with certain inconmient results all too plain), it is curious to look back a period when it suffered from over-domesticity.

The Well-Tempered Musician: A Musical Point of View.' By Francis Toye. Preface by Hugh Walpole.

[Methuen, 5s.]

Can one be a musical critic and still have a good temper? Mr. Toye says 'Yes,' and proves it by writing a book without one jot of unkindness. This does not mean dullness. His buoyancy quite heartens the reader. He talks such sound sense that it is hard anywhere to pick a quarrel with him; but he does not talk in platitudes.

He writes on Nationalism, Teaching, Criticism, Opera in England, and other general topics, and contrives not to find them hackneyed. It is indeed no small feat to have written chapters at once so reasonable and so readable. Mr. Toye likes everyone that is at all likeable—from Bach to Offenbach. He is a regular enthusiast for Handel, and can acknowledge the spells of George Gershwin. His unfailing eclecticism is no doubt the right thing for a critic, and it certainly makes for a happy life to be able to adjust one's point of view to see what the other fellow is getting at—sermons in stones, and good in everything.

Mr. Toye starts by putting the case of the fellow who knows what he likes and doesn't 'like' simply because he ought. That, he suggests, is really the good musical case. The musical taste has no predilection for a certain category of music. There is only good and bad music, and the music we like is good. That instinctive decision comes first, and then we may proceed to justify it with what ingenuity we may.

He goes on to plead for the recognition of the value of music purely as a source of pleasure. If it can educate, elevate, refine us, all the better, of course. But we are poor lovers of the art if we exalt it for some irrelevant or imaginary function. Glorious Beauty! Are you not in yourself your own raison d'être? It is sheer, magnificent luck to have the gift of perceiving beauty—not a reward for merit.

Mr. Toye in 'Music and Modern Society' notes the enormous gulf existing here between the best music and the most popular ('shop ballads') as compared with the lesser gulf existing on the Continent. He interestingly argues that the cause may be our lack of opera—the easiest means of access to good music for the plain man.

There is something in Musical Nationalism—more than the pure cosmopolitans, but less than the lingues, believe:

To musicians the glory and love of music for its own sake must remain the ultimate criterion of values. Local and personal considerations are only valuable if and when they promote the good of that general cause which should claim the passionate devotion of us all.

On Performance Mr. Toye lectures musical England for not caring enough for fine finish. The wonder of fine execution is part of the wonder of fine music. Music slovenly performed is deprived of part of its vitality, and when sometimes we lament to ourselves that such-and-such a once-loved music seems to be growing dull it is more than likely that mediocre performance is to blame. Yet in some estimable English musical circles to-day there is —out of apprehension of egoistic virtuosity, no doubt—positive approbation of executive mediocrity, particularly on the part of singers.

Mr. Toye is a lover of good singing, quite to an old-fashioned extent. If people would sing more.

then the world of music would grow healthier. Let children dance more, and let adults learn to sing that seems a very good exhortation for the quickening

of the musical spirit in the land.

And after all the reviewer has not been able to quarrel with his author. But one moment! Mr. Toye has an exasperating, a pedantic, and an ill-founded mannerism: he spells Handel, 'Händel.' To our eyes this looks hideous in English prose.

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'Les Quatuors de Beethoven.' Par Joseph de Marliave. Publié par Jean Escarra. Preface de Gabriel Fauré.

[Paris: Alcan, 30 frs.]

This is a book of 406 pages, and there are 322 quotations from the Quartets in music-type. This

will give some notion of its scope.

The author was a young French officer, whose passion was Beethoven. Fauré's Preface tells us that on leaving Saint-Cyr and being sent to one of the eastern garrison towns, Marliave got together every week musical friends to play the String Quartets. War came. He was killed. His Study has been put together and completed by M. Escarra.

One can best describe the book by saying that it is rather like a collection of concert-programme analyses—of the most serious sort, of course. Not the scrappy notes which so often in our degenerate days merely serve to extract a shilling from the concert-goer; but the solid, old-fashioned analyses of St. James's

Hall.

It is written by a charmed devotee. He follows his master faithfully step by step, and naturally does not set out to be a detached and searching critic. His book is a very detailed guide to other followers. The analyses are extremely full. To earnest listeners to the Beethoven Quartets by wireless, gramophone, or actual performance the book may well be a great help. It is hardly to be ranked as a work of high literature. Nor is it a student's text-book—its technical considerations do not go deep enough. But it is so far sound and serious and sincere, that the lover of chamber music and of Beethoven will (if he reads French) like to have it on his shelf.

One might add that compilers of programme-notes may find it useful. We all know their habit of handing on certain classical obiter dicta—what Spitta said about this, and Jahn about that. There is an abundance, an excess even, in Marliave, of such quoted opinions—often enough the opinions of persons of small interest. If A. B. Marx has attempted to 'explain' the A minor Quartet by a fatuous literary programme, Marliave cannot bring himself to dismiss the man. He has him shown in, so to speak, and argues with him at unnecessary length. Even when the tiresome Marx is, as we fancied, at last dismissed, and we can get back again to business, Marliave will, every now and then, return to the charge. It is a traditional weakness of the musical analyst.

Our review of this immense labour of love must not, however, end grudgingly. It is a striking evidence of the empire swayed by Beethoven's spirit. Marliave must have been writing at about the time when Beethoven was out of fashion. He and his like—benighted provincial devotees of chamber music—observed this about as much as though the fashion had decreed eating no more bread, but brown

paper instead.

It was a noble passion that started this French amateur on his huge annotation. Marliave was certainly a type. Others, too, when they have had a full evening's playing want to stay up and talk the music over; and here through his posthumous book his spirit has the satisfaction of talking on with his fellow quartettists—tenderly about the First Period Quartets, properly earnestly about the Lat Period, and with a special adoring ardour about Op. 50.

#### REVIEWS IN BRIEF

J. Allanson Benson's 'Handel's "Messiah": the Oratorio and its History' contains not only a great deal of interest and value on the historical side, but many notes and suggestions in regard to the text of various editions, and hints as to pace and other details of performance (William Reeves, 2s.). Amon other questions the author raises is that of the pianoforte score. After comparing a number of versions he alludes to the difficulty of playing 'a really satisfactory organ accompaniment from these published scores,' and asks a question that has often been put by others: 'Why not publish an organ arrangement?' A well laid out organ version, three staves, of reasonable difficulty, would be welcomed in hundreds of organ-lofts where through the year players (often deputies officiating while the regular organist conducts) have to re-arrange from sight and memory practically every bar of the pianoforte arrangement.

In 'Chopin, the Child and the Lad,' by Zofa Umińska and H. E. Kennedy, appears, apparently for the first time, much information concerning the early days of the composer. It is a pity the authors fail to distinguish between the important and the trivial; and the plan of giving a good deal of the matter in story-book form makes one uncertain as it where the authentic ends and the imaginary begins. The book includes many folk-dances and song in which the boy presumably took part. The extracts from a journal edited by young Frederic and circulated among his little circle of companions are too copious. The boy was merely doing what hosts of other children do, and a very small sample is enough to show that he did it no better than mos and less well than some. The translation at times seems quaint. But the book has value as a contribution to a side of Chopiniana that seems to have

been hitherto neglected (Methuen, 5s.).

Harold Scott's 'English Song Book' (Chapman Hall, 10s. 6d.) is a collection of ditties, comic and sentimental, that were popular in the 18th and 19th Judging from the publisher's note centuries. Mr. Scott's qualifications for the task of collecting and editing seem to lie in the fact that he is an actor and founder of the Cabaret dancing club. His opening discussion of the 'submerged and often unconscious battle' between the layman, who 'demands a time pure and simple,' and the 'scientist musician,' who (Mr. Scott implies) is determined to give the layman everything but what he asks for, shows a failure to realise that a very large proportion of the worlds purest and simplest' tunes have been written by the craftsmen' so slightingly dismissed by the author Mr. Scott's lack of musicianship is exposed in the music pages of his book. 'Black-eyed Susan' appears in a version so distorted (apparently through careless slurring and confusion of time-values) that it does not fit the words, and two of its bars contain only two and-a-half beats instead of three; 'Lilliburlero' is

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> the English Madrigal, by Dr. E. H. Fellowes, hals not only with the history, form, technique, &c., the madrigal; the words also are discussed, and here are brief biographical sketches of about forty mposers (Oxford University Press, 2s. 6d.).

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Herbert Witherspoon's 'Singing: a Treatise for fachers and Students' (Schirmer) is from start to ish marked by practical commonsense. Holding it view that 'the teacher of singing has already en burdened with too much [anatomical] science, hich is only too often pseudo-science,' Mr. Witherspoon gives that side of the subject the minum of space. He comes down heavily on all orts of fads and tricks, and strikes out a new line in abook of this sort by making a strong plea for a gher standard of ethics among teachers. uld have them all friends and co-workers; he holds hat they should refuse to encourage a pupil in false pes of success, even at the cost of fees; they ould not hold out as baits the promise of public pearances: they are teachers, not concert agents. his side the pupil must play the game too, and It. Witherspoon is frank on the young singer in a uny: 'I would say that few pupils can become real ingers, let alone great singers, with less than five ters of close application and unselfish devotion to ter art.' He ends this particular chapter with the nie of ethics adopted by the American Academy Teachers of Singing. There are ten Articles, and ty might well be adopted on this side of the water. good, thoughtful, and modest book.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Mention in this list neither implies nor precludes view in a future issue.]

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chumann.' By Herbert Bedford. Pp. 270. Kegan Paul, 7s. 6d.

agner.' By William Wallace. Pp. 332. Kegan Paul, 7s. 6d.

(The above three books are from the 'Masters of Music' series.)

The Foundations of Practical Harmony and Counterpoint,' By R. O. Morris. Pp. 144. MacMillan,

Melodies and Memories.' By Nellie Melba. Pp. 335. Thornton Butterworth, 21s.

'The Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution, 1923.' Pp. 578. Washington: Government Printing Office.

'A Liturgical Psalter.' Arranged for use in the Services of the Church. By Walter Howard Frere. Mowbray, 6st.

The First Book of the Player Pianist.' By Sydney Grew. Pp. 136. Musical Opinion Office, 5s.

The New Marguerite.' By Robert MacBean. Pp. 318. John Long, 7s. 6d.

The Glee Maiden.' By J. F. Rowbotham. Pp. 254. Elliot Stock, 6s.

Beethoven.' By Paul Bekker. Translated from the German by M. M. Bozman. Pp. 391. J. M. Dent, 10s. 6d.

# Points from Lectures

'Music and Poetry,' Herder said long ago, 'should agree: the sister and the brother.' Sir Henry Hadow carried this thought further when delivering the Henry Sidgwick Memorial Lecture at Newnham College, Cambridge. He considered the relationship of the arts generally, but his musical sympathies led him to a conclusion most favourable to music. The vocal sentence of music was greater than the spoken word. Think of the finest speaker we knew, and then think of a great singer. The metre of poetry had comparatively narrow limits. Notice (said Sir Henry) the wonderful effect of phrasing across the bar, but not of the syncopation, which he termed 'musical hooliganism.' Poetry was just beginning to learn how to produce something like this phrasing, but would never quite succeed, because music had much more varied forms to work upon. Sir Henry instanced as a fundamental resemblance between the two temporal arts the fact that both needed a fixed succession in time to apprehend them. A notable point of difference was that the poet dealt far more with concrete images than the musician, who, indeed, hardly dealt with them at all. At the same time, music had its own significance, and its own logic, which were as precise as those of poetry.

Mr. Sydney H. Nicholson, speaking at Durham Diocesan Conference, found that material for good singing was plentiful in the rising generation. In ordinary churches he would have the whole responsibility for the singing placed upon the congregation, not necessarily singing the whole time. choir should be recognised as an integral part of the congregation, and not set up in antagonism. A service over-weighted with music was just as unwelcome as one over-weighted with preaching.

Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, at Horsham, said that the English idiom in music was not better than that of other nations, but it was more natural to us, and we should try to become ourselves again. To plead for English music was not to be chauvinistic. With a renewed interest in our own music, great national composers would arise. It was time we paid back our borrowing from other nations, not in a debased coinage, but truly and honestly in a coinage of our own, and of our best.

'Purcell suffered as a composer from a lack of critical appreciation; he would have been justified in saying "Save me from my friends" '-thus Mr. Gustav Holst, in an introductory note to a fine appreciation in a lecture given at Bangor University College.

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Purcell's gift of melody was considered by some to be excelled only by Mozart. In addition, there was his sense of harmony, his feeling for orchestral colour, his humour, his intensity, his lyrical power. Yet all these details of composition were subordinate to his amazing gift of dramatic characterisation. In one way Purcell was a finer stage composer than Wagner. His music was full of the movement of the dance. His was the most facile music in all the world for the actor's art.

# Gramophone Motes

By 'Discus'

COLUMBIA

The set of records of the Beethoven A minor Quartet, Op. 132, played by the Léner Quartet, leaves the reviewer looking round for expressions that will not sound like hyperbole. Here is one of the greatest of works recorded without cuts, and with scarcely a flaw. Only in the last side of allthe tenth-does one feel that there seems to be a slight failure in regard to intonation. Otherwise the set is as near perfection as the most exacting can demand. Each repeated hearing has given me increased satisfaction, though in regard to the work itself I still feel that in the modal movement the composer goes on a little too long with his thanksgiving for recovery from sickness. Perhaps this impression is due to the impatience of present-day ears when listening to slow movements generally. The modern desire for shorter concert programmes is reflected in our attitude towards the classical slow movement that goes over the same ground several times at a leisurely pace. This by the way. Even in such an achievement as these records there are outstanding moments, and so one remembers specially the opening section, with its delicate and unexpected arabesque for the first violin, and the whole of the second movement, in which Beethoven does magical things with the little two-bar phrase.

These Beethoven records would be in themselves a worthy month's output on the instrumental side, but there are three other important works. It is a genuine pleasure to find Sammons and Murdoch associated in recording, and they are heard at their best in Grieg's G major Sonata (three 12-in.). The lyrical style of th's suits the violinist particularly well. Holst's 'St. Paul's' Suite is done on three sides, the fourth being given to his 'Country Song.' The composer conducts, and the result only needs a little more tone here and there to be completely satisfying. same remark applies to the 12-in. of Weber's 'Oberon' Overture, played by the Queen's Hall Orchestra, under Sir Henry Wood. Everything is beautifully clear, and the blend of romance and sprightliness that characterises Weber's work in his operatic overtures is well shown. But a lack of power in the louder portions leads to a lack of contrast. Vocal records are of the average type: Miriam Licette in familiar operatic extracts; Dale Smith in a couple of old songs: William Heseltine in two newer examples (one bearing a title which in itself is enough to put some of us off 'The throb of a passionate day.' Mr. Heseltine well and truly throbs, and will please those who like such passionate goings on); and Dame Clara Butt sings two poor ballads—a meagre output for one labelled as 'Britain's Queen of Song.' A more conscientious royalty would consider the needs I think, far better sung than the operatic piece (10-iii. as well as the demands of her subjects.

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Everybody is talking about the new H.M.y. I defer my remarks on it until ner instrument. month, partly from lack of time and space, and als because I want to give it a more extended trial that so far has been possible. As in the case of the new recording, we shall have to consider gains and losses and strike a balance. This is what I have been doing with the 'Parsifal' records (eight 12-in.). first one jibs a bit at the keen and at times somewhat steely tone produced by the new process, and although one soon gets used to it, as one does to certain amount of surface noise and other grams phonic drawbacks, it must be put down on the debi But everything else is solid gain. The increase in power and brilliance is obvious, by perhaps the most notable point is the extraordina advance in the choral recording, and above all in the reproduction of passages for chorus and orchest For example, in the second of the three records the 'Grail Scene,' the climaxes of the orchest and chorus combined are far and away bette than anything of the kind I have so heard on the gramophone. The two force blend, balance, and retain their individuals to a degree not always-perhaps not oftenheard in a first-hand performance. These 'Grain Scene' records are among the best of the set. bells of course come through well, but, equally o course, they are not in tune. (Are they ever?) The other records that strike me specially are those of Klingsor's Magic Garden and the Flower Maide Scene, the damsels being represented, however, h strings. I have not space to name all the performer It must suffice to say that the solo voices an particularly good. Still, as is nearly always the case with Wagner, the thing that matters is the orchestra stream on which the voice-parts are borne alon Coates conducts with apparently even more than h wonted fervour, and if his coat and collar wer not lying in a corner of the recording-room before he had got far, I should be surprised. A great fea this 'Parsifal' set. (For the sake of accuracy lad that in one of the records Eugène Goossens conduct Presumably this is an earlier recording. It interesting to compare it with the later ones. The rest of the month's H.M.V. output seen

small beer after this. Sir Landon Ronald conduc the Albert Hall Orchestra in the Nocturne fro Mendelssohn's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' mu 12-in.)-a good record, especially in regard to the horn playing and tone; and the Piccadilly Orchesta conducted by de Groot, plays Coleridge Taylor Petite Suite de Concert (12-in.). Among the vocal records I am most struck by that of Jeans Gordon in a couple of excerpts from 'Carmen Here we have that unusual thing IO-in.). contralto voice without hooty, throaty, and tub quality, a freedom and flexibility that many a goo soprano might envy, and ample variety in pow and colour. As a result it records well-which ver few contraltos do. The orchestral part is very good Florence Austral sings 'Hear ye, Israel' and 'Front' mighty kings he took the spoil' (12-in.). In the former she is not very clear, and sometimes off the pitch; the Handel air is capital, and here again the orchestral accompaniment deserves praise. The Schipa is heard in 'O sole mio' and a couple of traditional Italian songs, both being delightful and There is a welcome lightness that we don't hear

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enough from these operatic tenors. George der gets only a proportion of his words through new H.M.V iken's 'Sigh no more' and Fisher's 'Spanish art in his diction. A magnificent voice is that of Robeson, the negro actor. He sings a couple rspirituals, one alone, and one with Lawrence men (10-in.). Those of us who are getting a bit ed of the 'spiritual' (which after all is bound to by being sophisticated and concertised) will look reard to hearing Robeson in other songs. What Ethiopa saluting the colours'?

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# NATIONAL GRAMOPHONIC SOCIETY

The Society has, I feel, given us nothing more Wehtful than the Mozart Oboe Concerto. In fact, inoteasy to name many better sets of records of kind from any source. The work is Mozart at s purest and best, and the playing, by Leon assens and the Spencer Dyke Quartet, leaves until a loophole for fault-finding. The one little spot is in the slow movement, where the gemble and intonation seem to weaken for a ment. But that may be a blemish in the recording. e neatness, delicacy, clarity, and rhythm of the ik movements leave one with an all too rare sense content and exhilaration. The sixth side of the e 10-in. is worthily filled with a Bach Prelude oboe and strings, taken from a cantata.

The other production of the Society-the Brahms net-hardly reaches the same level. The first mement especially is rather drab. There is an movement in every way as the work goes onanly, no doubt, because the music itself brightens. ere can be no doubt that part of the somewhat all character of the opening is due to the colour and sture of the music. It is evidently of a type that gramophone so far is not able to reproduce feetly. But so few opportunities occur for hearing is fine piece of chamber music, that the records ply a need. It is just in regard to such works as sthat the Society finds its fullest justification; the amophonist who wants to build up a fine library I gladly overlook a few comparatively unsuccessful ments for the sake of possessing complete records the less frequently heard classics. I add that the face in all these records shows a marked improvement on the Society's past issues.

Strauss's 'Also sprach Zarathustra' is a big position for the gramophone, and it has been asked with a surprising degree of success. The layers are the Berlin State Opera Orchestra, ducted by Max von Schillings. The cuts must e been liberal in order to get the work on to te 12-in. As the music is not of red-hot interest bughout this matters less than usual. ying and recording reach a high level, being rarely er than clear even in the most complex passages. Eugène d'Albert strikes me as being rather matterfact in his playing of Liszt's 'An einer Quelle'elast kind of fault that Liszt can survive. The ayer is better in a movement from Mozart's A major nata-the 'Turkish March,' which is not much of march, anyway, and is not a bit suggestive of nkey. I wonder how often we should hear this imming movement had it been written by Ittersdorf instead of Mozart! (On second oughts I don't wonder: I know.)

A pleasant vocal record is that of Maria Olszewska in a couple of Christmas songs-the familiar 'O Stille Nacht' and 'O du frohliche o du selige,' the tune of the latter being that generally known in this country as the 'Sicilian Mariners' Hymn.' Both songs are bedecked with an accompaniment that includes nice little bits for violin solo, celeste, bell, &c., and Olszewska sings with appropriate tone and style.

Lauritz Melchior is admirable in the 'Prize Song' from the 'Mastersingers,' despite the touches of strain that no tenor seems to be able to avoid in the final climax (12-in.). He shows a very sympathetic voice, with some beautiful soft singing, in two extracts from 'Tannhäuser' (12-in.). This latter feature has struck me very much in recent Polydor records. They lead me to think that, judging from the gramophone, Germany's present-day men singers are better in taste and musicianship than those of any other countrycertainly of Italy.

Practically all that was said about the Gramophonic Society's records of the Mozart Oboe Concerto applies to the Vocalion records of his G major Violin Concerto (three 12-in.). The player is Jelly d'Aranyi, and Stanley Chapple conducts. The balance between soloist and orchestra is unusually good. The fact is emphasised because one has had to grumble a good many times on this point. Evidently the special problem set up by a string soloist accompanied wholly or mainly by strings is by way of being solved. The only other instrumental record received is that of the orchestra of the New York Metropolitan House in an Intermezzo and Spanish Dance by Granados, which are a good deal less interesting than one expects them to be, both in material and performance (12-in.).

Nothing better in vocal records has lately come my way than the 12-in. of Malcolm McEachern in Sperte 'o figli!' from Verdi's 'Nebuchadnezzar.' In range, power, and flexibility this noble voice is shown at its best. The song on the other side, Cawley's 'A Song of the Seraphs,' is good in a somewhat conventional way, and is as splendidly delivered as the Verdi. If there is a bass among all the much-boosted Italians to rival this home product, give him a name !

John Coates sings Coleridge-Taylor's 'Elëanore' with fine passion, and in Balfe's 'Come into the garden, Maud' shows so much conviction that we are sure he thinks it is a great song, and begin almost to have a feeling that way ourselves. So great and dangerous is the power of the singer! (12-in.).

# Player-Piano Motes

By WILLIAM DELASAIRE

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I suppose Mr. W. J. Turner would say that the first movement of Mozart's Sonata in D, No. 15 (6756), was unquestionably the finest 'Duo-Art' roll of the month. Personally, I should not care to choose Mozart as my sole musical companion on a desert island, as Mr. Turner doubtless would; but this is certainly delightful, heart-easing music, and an epitome of the composer's virtues. It may be pattern music, but what a perfect pattern! I would not suggest that its merit is not self-sufficient, but it is as a relief from emotionalism on the one hand, and emotionless modernism on the other, that it chiefly

appeals to me. Its delicate clarity provides a wonderful contrast to such music, and the playing, by Landowska, disarms criticism.

Another first movement is given us, that of Schumann's Fantasie, Op. 17, recorded by Katherine Goodson (0234). I will refer to this later, as the

whole work is issued in 'Animatic' rolls.

Brahms's Ballad in D minor, Op. 10, No. 1, is a magnificent piece of music, admirably recorded by Lester Donahue (5931). It is a dramatic tone-poem in miniature, with a characteristic note of austerity about it. The modal flavour of the middle section, working up to a thrilling climax, especially impresses me. It is the sort of work that may not make an immediate appeal to the casual listener, but with repeated hearings the real significance of the title and superscription will be appreciated. And it is strong enough to stand many repetitions.

I am not much struck with Tchaikovsky's 'Humoresque,' Op. 10, No. 2 (6202). Its title is Tchaikovsky's apt enough, and parts of it are very happy; but I fancy the composer's name lends it a lustre

which it would otherwise lack.

Robert Armbruster again displays his facility at improvisations on popular themes in 'Meditations' No. 3 (3077). We are treated to a batch of American 'Flower Songs,' in which MacDowell scores heavily in juxtaposition with Ethelbert Nevin, I dare say Mighty Lak' a Rose' goes down well with some of our American cousins, but I don't see why the contrast should be made quite so invidious.

The roll editor shares honours with the same pianist in 'Venetian Carnival' (6905). Here Ricordi, the well-known publisher, tries his hand at a pianoforte duet which Mr. Armbruster has played-no, not simultaneously !- and which has subsequently been wrought into this roll. The music is of no special consequence, though it is all very jolly and rhythmical-the sort to which annoying people tap their feet at concerts. Not to affect his publishing business too adversely, it is issued under the name of

J. Burgmein.'

I really think that Miss Geneviève Pitot deserves more credit than the composer for her record of Bartlett's notorious 'Polka de Concert' (6737). She makes its terrible Victorian tinklings quite interesting by her remarkable style, so wonderfully-I must say it again-pianistic is it. The last ounce of effect is extracted from the notes-and there are so many !which makes for amusement, if not uplift. I recommend my readers to get this roll and compare it with an ordinary one of the same piece. They will have an object-lesson in the virtues of the recorded

The 'Brook's Lullaby,' by J. F. Gilder (6898), is what the title leads us to expect-a commonplace tune, very square, 'arpeggiated' strictly according to rule. Let us say what most drawing-room listeners

will say-'a nice little piece.'

The outstanding hand-played roll is Schubert's Impromptu in A flat, Op. 142, No. 2 (A827). It is played by Paderewski, which I suppose is sufficient recommendation. The tunes are lovely, but the length is not very heavenly, and I sigh for a little development instead of so much repetition.

Emil Sauer plays his own well-known 'Echo de Vienne' (A829) in true virtuosic style. A sparkling concert waltz, it lends itself most effectively to our instrument. Considerable care is needed in playing, however, otherwise a tendency may reveal itself to play too much of it with the same dynamic temporarily disregarded, as with the 'Animatic'

intensity-fortissimo-and to forget all about the limitations of the human fingers. Of course some will say that it is foolish to insist upon this when armed with the super-technique of the playerpiano, but I believe such a view to be qui mistaken.

As composers of what is called 'light classical' music for the pianoforte I suppose one would bracket together Moszkowski, Chaminade, and Schütt, think I should place the latter first for many things and his 'Mélancolie,' Op. 34, No. 1 (A833), confirm my opinion. The roll is cut non-contiguously, however, to an extent that verges on the dangerous places. Why? Perhaps it is just to disprove the disparaging comment that the player-piano never

plays a wrong note!

Those player-pianists who find joy in difficulty will appreciate Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 54, in 1 (T 24637/8), for this reason if for no other. It is issued in straight-cut form, and provides first-clas practice in a number of technical points-accentua and metrical pedalling, with frequent syncopation, the production of delicate, crisp tone (especially in the second subject of the first movement) and-mos of all-dynamic phrasing, that hall-mark of fine playing. The music, of course, speaks for itself, in every sense.

Three little salon pieces, roughly in order of ment, are Archie Rosenthal's 'Petite Valse' (T 24655), with plenty of opportunity for rubato; 'Mélodie Symphonique,' by Leonard Butler (T 24654), no very 'symphonique'; and 'Danse Humoresque,'by

Henry Coleman (T 24657).

The song roll this month is Schubert's 'Erl-King' (27130). There are also three popular ballads by well-known exponents of this style.

#### ANGELUS

I like Cyril Scott's 'Valse Caprice,' Op. 74, No.; (92022), very much. It is a musicianly little piece in a piquant, harmonic style. Its title must evoke a corresponding spirit from the performer, however, otherwise half its charm is lost-a rigid tempo lever is fatal. Another piece which depends much upon manner of performance is Albeniz's 'Serenade Espagnole,' Op. 181 (92142). It is very obviously Spanish, and the guitar-like accompaniment shoul move the heart of the stoniest of ladies. The right accent is a sine qua non, and here the roll markings are very helpful, especially when playing at sight. A fingerlike crispness of touch should be aimed at throughout With exhausters and springs on the small and light side, and mind, eyes, and feet alert, this should not be impossible of attainment.

Rosenbloom's Polonaise in A flat (93477) and Arensky's 'Basso Ostinato' (93452) were noted in recent issues as Æolian rolls. Likewise the sons

#### ANIMATIC (Hupfeld)

Priority of place is taken, as I have already hinted by Schumann's Fantasie, Op. 17, in C (54006)8 It is superfluous, at this time of day, for me to say that it is a magnificent work, and when I add that it is recorded by Gabrilowitsch, almost as superfluous to comment on the playing. The specially interesting point, however, is that in the first movement one enabled closely to compare his tempo and nuance with those of Miss Katherine Goodson, who plays the Duo-Art' roll. The question of dynamics must be

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als the performer co-operates with the pianist in a superspect. Such a comparison is most instructive, and particularly to those who recently had the good fame to hear Hofmann play the same work. Such the most prejudiced of our instrument's critics allow acknowledge its supreme educational value, rothing else.

have no space to analyse the work in detail—it is still of lovely tunes—but as I write the recollection of the great theme of the second movement makes appentravel faster and more illegibly than ever. I amonly advise readers to get these rolls and study

paderewski's Legend, Op. 16, No. 1 (55557), seems prely more upon his fame as a pianist than upon prespecial merit. I should not think it would stand the test of transcription to another medium, though its played by Oswin Keller in a manner which must am the composer's endorsement to every punchance.

loseph Wieniawski, brother of the famous violinist, has his own Polonaise, Op. 27, in G sharp minor (2217). Without great originality, it is a brilliant nee of writing, well suited to the pianoforte, and might at least serve to remind our débutantes that there are other pieces of this name besides those of Chonin.

The beginner who wants a perfect study in tonemental by means of the pedals alone should essay MacDowell's sea piece, 'A.D. 1620' (58360). I know drothing better for such a purpose; and to a lesser better his 'From a Wandering Iceberg' (58359) is useful. Beyond the sustaining pedal no manual mutol need be used, as Gustav Riemann's tempo is mecceptionable.

Roll 59518, Schütt's 'Lose Blätter,' Nos. 3 and 1, smore of his admirable salon music, with Max Pauer in the recording pianoforte. Each is an engaging the piece, well-contrasted, and always melodious mil effectively written. The same pianist plays imil Sjogren's 'Im Walde,' from his Fantasie, 15 (59520). The composer is unknown to me, in my dictionary tells me that he was a gifted stellsh organist who won fame by the delicate mannement of his style. I can well believe this—the present piece is a picturesque piece of programme music calling for careful playing.

Cyril Scott's 'In the Temple of Memphis' (58960), from the 'Egypt' Suite, is not a good example of his work. It strives after a quasi-impressionism à la Bebussy, which doesn't quite come off.

The remaining rolls are well-known enough to ted but a mention—Elgar's charming 'Bavarian lunce' (55889) and Tchaikovsky's everlasting 'Chanson Triste' (59362).

# Church and Organ Music

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the distribution of diplomas to successful andidates at the Fellowship and Associateship Eaminations on Saturday, January 23, 1926, at 130 p.m. The President, Dr. H. W. Richards, will deliver an address on 'The Study of Musical History,' after which Mr. G. D. Cunningham, organist of the Town Hall, Birmingham, will play 1700 the College organ the following pieces selected from the July Examination, 1926:

#### FELLOWSHIP

- Prelude only, from Prelude and Fugue in E flat ('St. Ann') ... ... f. S. Bach
   Choral Prelude on 'Newtoun' (Sixteen
- Choral Prelude on 'Newtoun' (Sixteen Preludes, vol. 1, Stainer & Bell) Charles Wood
- 3. Fantasie in F minor (Best's Arrangements, No. 76, Novello) ... Mozart

#### ASSOCIATESHUP

- 1. Intermezzo in A flat (Stainer & Bell) T. T. Noble
- 2. Prelude only, from Prelude and Fugue in D minor ... ... ... Mendelssohn

There will be an informal conversazione immediately following the organ recital, to which members and friends are invited.

H. A. HARDING, Hon. Secretary.

#### ORGAN RECITALS IN SCOTLAND

We have been much interested in reports of recent organ recitals at Kirkcaldy and Dundee. At the former place Mr. J. Gray, the Corporation organist, has played to a crowded audience in the Adam Smith Hall, with a programme that included the Bach D minor Double Concerto Mr. Horace Fellowes and Mr. James A. Cooper), and songs by Miss Jean Gibson; at Dundee, Mr. Ernest Treasure has inaugurated a series of lunch-hour recitals at the Caird Hall. Here the fare was of organ music alone— Mendelssohn (Sonata No. 3), Coleridge-Taylor, Lemare, Bach, Wesley, and Rheinberger (Sonata in F sharp). The charge for admission is 2d., and the venture made a capital start with an audience of nearly five hundred. An interesting point about these Dundee recitals is that they are expected to solve the problem of the upkeep of the instrument, in a manner highly satisfactory to the Town Council, and with benefit to the public. Organs in public halls that are heard only on special occasions are apt to prove 'white elephants.' Their maintenance is costly, and if funds are not forthcoming, they rapidly deteriorate. This Dundee example might well be followed in many previncial towns. Local organists, we are sure, would gladly play for a small fee, or no fee at all, in order to assist in the upkeep of the municipal instrument, especially as any movement that stimulates public interest in organ music has a beneficial effect on their own activities as Church organists and teachers. The Kirkcaldy recitals are on more ordinary concert lines, with reserved seats at 2s. 4d., and a silver collection. difficult to overestimate the educational value of such a scheme, which gives a big audience an opportunity of hearing fine organ, string, and vocal music at so low a cost as a threepenny-bit.

At the Worshipful Company of Musicians' dinner, held on October 27, Mr. F. W. Rushton, F.R.C.O., was the recipient of the Company's silver medal. In introducing him to the Worshipful Master, the President of the Royal College of Organists (Dr. H. W. Richards) said that Mr. Rushton began the study of music at an early age. He afterwards became a schoolmaster and lecturer; and later joined His Majesty's forces for the Great War. After this he took up music as a profession, and is now music-master of the High School for Boys, Leytonstone. He was the winner of the Lafontaine Prize at the Royal College of Organists, which meant that he passed both the practical and theoretical parts of the Fellowship diploma at the same examination. He also obtained the highest number of marks for organ-playing of any Lafontaine Prize-winner during the last three years. It was for this reason that Mr. Rushton had the honour of receiving the silver medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

At the National Institute for the Blind, 224, Great Portland Street, W., on December 2, at 3, Mr. H. V. Spanner will give an organ recital, the programme of which will include the Fellowship pieces for the January R.C.O. examination.

A Gibbons Commemoration Service took place at Clapham Congregational Church on October 21, the music including the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from the 'Short' Service, the anthems 'Lift up your heads,' 'O God, increase my faith,' 'Almighty and Everlasting God,' 'O Lord, in the wrath,' and 'Great Lord of Lords,' Mr. Henry F. Hall conducted, and Mr. Reginald E. Redman played on the organ the Voluntaries in A minor and D minor, and the Fantazia in Foure Parts.

Under the auspices of the Southwark Diocesan Plainsong Association, a lecture will be given by Mr. Royle Shore at the Chapter House, Thomas Street, S.E., on December 5, at 3 p.m., on 'The New Late Evening Service in the Revised Prayer Book, and its Ancient Music.' It is proposed that the lecture be followed by the singing of Compline. Non-members will be welcome, and no tickets are required.

Festal evensong was sung at St. Peter's, Loudwater, Bucks, on October 28, by the combined choirs of five villages. Mr. Sydney II. Nicholson conducted, and gave an address on the improvement of music in village churches. The music included Parry's Evening Service in D, Walford Davies's 'God be in my head,' Stanford's 'St. Patrick's Breastplate,' and a fine choice of hymns.

The organ at Holy Trinity, Wakefield, has recently been overhauled and enlarged, the work being done by Messrs. Fitton & Haley, of Stanningley. In connection with the re-opening, Mr. Charles Stott, of Bradford, gave a recital, playing List's Fugue on 'Ad nos,' Lemare's variations on 'Hanover,' Hollins's C minor Overture, Grace's 'Resurgam,' Harwood's 'P.ean,' Widor's 'Pontifical March,' &c.

The Glasgow and Galloway Diocesan Choral Association held a festival service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on October 24, about six hundred and fifty singers being heard to fine effect in Macpherson's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, the same composer's anthem, 'O praise God in His Holiness,' and Stanford's Te Deum in B flat. Mr. F. Pugh was at the organ, and Mr. John Pullein conducted.

At the hundred and eighteenth anthem and organ recital at Brighton Parish Church the choir sang Mendelssohn's 'I waited for the Lord,' and a lengthy selection from 'Parsifal.' Dr. Chastey Hector played Bach's G minor Fantasia and Fugue, a Schumann Study. and Wolstenholme's Finale in B flat. On November 10, Elgar's 'The Spirit of England' was sung.

M. Marcel Dupré will give a recital at Westminster Cathedral on December 3, at 6,30. His programme will consist of pieces played 'by request,' and one of his two improvisations will take the form of a trio-sonata—probably the most difficult of all forms for the purpose.

#### RECITALS

Mr. James Easson, Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Andrews—Grande Pièce Symphonique and Final in B fl st, Franck; On a Breton Theme, Ropartz; Rustic Suite, Alec Kowley; Fugue in E minor, Bach; Chorale Preludes: 'Jesu, my Joy,' Karg-Elert; 'St. Peter,' Havold Darke; Gothic Suite, Boellmann; Pièce Héroique Franck; Evening Song, Rairstow.

Mr. Herbert Hodge, St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, E.C.— Sonata in F minor, Merkel; Tragic Overture, Brahms;

and a Back programme.

Mr. E. A. Collins, All Souls', Langham Place, W.— Sonata in G. Elgar; Epinikion, Rootham; Largo sostenuto ('Sea' Symphony), Vaughan Williams; Marche Pontificale, Widor.

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Dr. C. F. Waters, St. Stephen's Walbrook—Pastorale, Franck; First movement (Symphony No. 6), Widor; Postlude on 'Hampton,' J. A. Sowerbutts; Choral Fantasy, C. F. Waters.

Mr. Wallace J. Madge, Parish Church, St Mary Church Torquay—Minuet (Sonata No. 1), Stanford; Three Chorale Preludes: 'Eventide,' Parry: 'Rhosymedre,' Vaughan Williams; and 'Abridge,' Charlton Palmor. Intermezzo and Fuga Cromatica (Sonata No. 1), Kheinberger.

Mr. J. Harry Lee, St. Andrew's, Rowbarton, Tauntos-Przeludium (Sonata No. 20), Rheinberger; Schem a B flat, Wolstenholme; Postlude in D minor, Stanfeel

Epilogue, Healey Willan.

Mr. Herbert Walton, Glasgow Cathedral—Concerto No. 3 Handel; Minuetto (Symphony No. 3), Wider; Sonata Elgar; Allegretto in B flat, Lemmens; Ovenue, 'Carneval,' Deverik; Fantasia in F minor, Mazar; Sonata, Op. 30, Merkel.

Mr. Guy Michell, Union Church, Queen Square, Brightor-Agitato (Sonata No. 11), Rheinberger; Fugue in G min ('Great'), Bach; 'Sunset,' Karg-Elert; Fantasia in J.

John E. West.

Mr. B. J. Orsman, St. Lawrence Jewry—Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach: Variations, Dupré; Toccus, Parry.

Mr. H. C. J. Churchill, St. Lawrence Jewry—Two Chan Improvisations, Karg-Elert; Sonata No. 3, Reintogy; Meditation in F sharp minor, Guilmant; Toccata in F. Bach.

Mr. Eric Smith, Luton Parish Church—Sonata in A minn. Rheinherger; Adagio in E, Frank Bridge; Reveile a. University, Grace; Fantasia and Fugue on BACH, Lisst.

Mr. H. Bentley, Christ Church, Lowestoft—March for a Church Festival, Best; Psalm-Prelude No. 3, Howali, Festal Commemoration, John E. West; Finale ('Sonia Britannica'), Stanford.

Mr. J. Roland Middleton, Mold Parish Church-Prelish on 'Hanover,' Parry; 'Pilgrim's Progress' (part 8, Ernest Austin; Festal Commemoration, John E. Wei.

Mr. H. C. Warrilow, Louth Parish Church—Romace, Watling; Sonata in the Style of Handel (third more ment), Wolstenholme; Villanella, John Ireland; Final, Guilmant.

Mr. Stanley Lucas, South Croydon Congregational Chard-—Prelude on 'Vater Unser,' Back; Triumphal Mack, Hollins; Laus Deo and Cradle Song, Grace; Festie March in D, Smart; Evening Song, Buirstow.

Mr. Ernest A. Harris, St. Lawrence Jewry—Prelude on Theme by Tallis, Darke; Prelude on 'St. Michael' John E. West; Chorale and Variations, Bach. Miss Marjorie T. Renton, St. Lawrence Jewry—Tocau

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Mr. W. C. II. Pearse, University College, Reading— A Bach programme: Fantasia and Fugue in G minir-Prelude in E minor; Toccata and Fugue ('Dorian'): Prelude and Fugue in E flat; and five Chorale Prelude.

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Mr. Norman Cocker, All Saints', Oxford Road, Mancheste —Air, Variations, and Finale in A, Smart; Minuelli antico e Musetta, Pietro Yon; Fugue in G, Parry.

Mr. Hugh Taylor, All Saints', Oxford Road, Manchest —Aria in F, Bach; Canzone, Karg-Elert; Bridal Man and Finale, Parry; Sonata in A minor, Borgashi.

Mr. Paul Rochard, Christ Church, Penrith—Concetto is G minor, Handel; Sonata in E flat, Bach; Variations Bonnet; Prelude to 'The Cloud Messenger,' Holst.

Rev. L. G. Bark, Christ Church, Penrith—Prelude at Fugue in A minor, Back; three Chorale Prelude, Karg. Elect; Concerto No. 8, Avison; Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Franck.

Mr. Edwin S. Taylor, All Saints', Oxford Real Manchester—Sonata No. 1, Mendelssohn; Prelude of 'Martyrdom,' Purry; Legend, Grace; Marche Héroiges.

Mr. W. Greenhouse Allt, St. Giles's Cathedral, Glasgow-Adagio (Symphony No. 3), Fierne; March on a Ground Bass, Dohnúnyi; Postlude on the 'Old Hundredth,' Grace; 'Verdun,' Stanford; Toccata of 'Pange Lingua,' Bairstow; a Franck programme; and two Bach programmes.

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h.W. J. Lancaster, Bolton Parish Church—Prelude on 'Ye boundless realms of joy,' Parry; Elegy, Bairstow; Rhapsody No. 1, Howells

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Letram Hollins, Beckenham Congregational Church— No. 11), Rheinberger; Sonata No. 1, Mendelssohn; Hasle, Wolstenholme; Pastorale, Franck; Prelude and Tugue in C. Hollins.

H. Heath-Gracie, St. Lawrence Jewry—'Rhosymedre, Souts; Chant de Mai, Jongen; Final in B flat, Franck. C. H. Moody, Wigan Parish Church-Fugue in C, Buh; Toccata, Boellmann; Pastorale, Bossi; Scherzoso,

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briations, Smart. E. F. W. Belchamber, St. Gabriel's, Cricklewood— Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Adagio ('Scotch' Symphony). Mendelssohn; Air with Variations, Hesse; Scherzo and Finale, Guilmant.

#### APPOINTMENT

f. Teasdale Griffiths, music-master of Birkenhead

# Letters to the Editor

### COMPETITIVE MUSICAL FESTIVALS

SR,-Vour interesting report of the Festival Federation nference indicates that the views of competitors were not pessed to any degree.

#### SUB-TOTALS OF MARKS

Competitors desire to know where they excel and where and do not excel. As judges cannot give sub-totals of the without 'wangling,' a new kind of mark-sheet is sufficiently, and the following is suggested: Give total marks; ide the sheet into six columns; in the left-hand column in the desirable qualities, e.g., intonation, diction, manay, expression, &c.; head the other five columns, spectively, 'Excellent,' 'Very Good,' 'Good,' 'Moderate,' fair.' All the judge would then have to do would be place a tick in the appropriate column against each of the

#### TIMES OF CLASSES

When fixing the times of classes, authorities should ensure the most distant competitor can attend, perform, hear it judge's comments, and reach home again in one day.

Is a competitor I support the proposal that sight-singing ald be made compulsory at all solo competitions, on the lawing grounds:

- (a) It would force competitors to study this neglected subject;
- (b) Between competitors of approximate ability it provides a further test of musicianship;
  (c) It provides relief from the monotony of hearing the
- same song scores of times.

#### TACT IN JUDGING

If the marking-sheet above suggested were adopted, there would be no need for judges to make derogatory remarks in

#### UNIFORM STANDARD

Can judges agree upon some uniform standard which all could adopt and mark accordingly? At present the marking as between one competition and another, one class and another, and one judge and another is merely capricious. Similarly certificates should be awarded on a uniform standard.

### CHOICE OF SONGS

I happen to be a bass, with the normal amateur bass compass of lower E flat to E flat (two octaves). Songs are frequently chosen with a top E natural required. I cannot enter. Moreover, musical competitions should not encourage the constant use of the extreme ranges of the voice. I would define an ideal competitive bass song as:

- (a) Lying within the compass F to D?;
- (b) Having one half of its notes within the middle octave of that range, viz., A to A;
- (c) Being rather burly in sentiment; and
- (d) Containing intervals which are appropriate to the bass

The following are not, in my opinion, bass songs, but have been set in bass competitions: Stanford's 'A soft day,' Campion's 'When to her lute Corinna sings,' Wagner's Star of eve.'

Similarly other voices should be considered from the point of view of compass, middle range, sentiment, and interval. The Federation would perform useful service by classifying songs into appropriate voices.

Songs should not be chosen which compel competitors to buy books of songs they do not want. Copies should be provided for judge and accompanist by the festival authorities.

### ENTRANCE FEES

The entrance fees range from 1s. to 8s. 6d., sometimes with 1s. added for accompanist and 1s. for mark sheet. The higher charges are spoliation if the lower are reasonable. Five shillings should be the maximum charge to cover both accompanist and mark sheet. Less for juveniles,

### JUDGES

If there is more than one judge, they should mark and comment separately, and the average should be taken. All mark sheets should be handed to the competitor.

These comments are not made in any critical, still less in any captious, spirit, but in the hope that the competitive festival movement will be improved. - Yours, &c.,

' Pantiles,' Woodside Avenue, E. R. Scovell. Beaconsfield, Bucks.

## 'HYMNS A. & M.'

SIR,-Our attention has been called to a paragraph appearing in your issue for October (page 932), under the heading 'Some New Hymn Books.' It is there stated that 'Hymns A. & M.' is to be revised, or to have a further supplement, by way of showing its vitality. We have been in communication with the Chairman of 'Hymns A. & M.' committee, and we have his authority to say that no revision or addition to the book is at present contemplated.

In these circumstances we shall be much obliged if you can see your way to contradict your previous statement, as it has already caused considerable confusion in people's minds. -Yours, &c., WILLIAM CLOWES & SONS, LTD.

94, Jermyn Street, S.W. I.

# THE R.C.O. AND CHOIR-TRAINING

SIR,—The recent addition of the Choir-training Certificate and Diploma to the Diplomas granted by the Royal College of Organists is certainly a step in the right direction; but it by no means supplies that long-felt want for a standard of choir-training—a standard which is really so necessary, and yet, at present, does not exist.

For the organist who is an Associate or a Fellow of the College, the Certificate is no doubt an additional qualification, but to the choirmaster who is only a choirmaster and not an organist it is of little value, as it carries no title and is easily overtopped by the Licentiateship of the R.A.M. for voice-

culture and class-singing.

At present, apart from this comparatively easily obtained certificate, the College does not recognise the existence of the choirmaster. Could not the College authorities institute examinations in choir-training equivalent in standard to the F.R.C.O. and A.R.C.O., carrying with them the right to append these letters, but insisting that the word 'Choirmaster' be added? The examination might be left exactly as at present, allowing, however, the candidate choice of organ playing or choir-training.

It is a great pity that the question of church choir-training, which is of so much importance, should be so consistently ignored and overlooked by our various Colleges of Music.

The R.C.O. has a great opportunity for lifting this branch of music out of the hands of the charlatan and the inexperienced if it cares to take up the matter thoroughly—not as a side-line to organ playing, but as a subject worthy of consideration on its own merits.—Yours, &c.,

45, Firshill Road, Sheffield. DESMOND MACMAHON.

# THE LURE OF THE VIBRATO

SIR,—I was glad to read the letters of Mr. Travers Adams and Mr. Small. I am sorry Mr. Adams cannot continue, because, though I understand the difficulties of space, I must still protest against what he has written. I may say that Mr. Small agreed so thoroughly with my remark that he told me so by letter, and gave me permission to say so. I do not wish to prolong the controversy, but on behalf of those who agree with me, I would request permission to make a final statement. I have, with others, read Mr. Adams's latest book, but I cannot discover where he writes about the purticular point in dispute. We have been discussing GRAND opera. I have been intimately connected with grand opera since the year 1904, and in spite of what some singers, professors, and musical critics have written, I beg leave to hold to what I have said. There is a certain kind of production demanded for the portrayal of the effect required in grand opera.

The quality of timbre of the voice must be, above all, grand, massive, solid, exhilarating, open, peculiarly penetrating, and forceful. It demands a certain drive, a clang

in the timbre.

Modern audiences are not interested in dreamy, dark, ultra-sentimental tone. The style of beauty peculiar to grand opera is, with little exception, of a grand, lofty, exalted kind. We admit that on occasions even the best singers may overstep the bounds and produce too much hardness, and perhaps too much evidence of effort, but they are not machines. All the great singers who are before the public to-day have been building up and carefully developing their voices for years. Perhaps Mr. Adams may see his way to stating his case more fully later. At present I feel, with great respect, that his judgment is not satisfying.

— Yours, &c., W. E. Bell-Porter

4, Fielding Road, W.14.

(Late of the Moody-Manners Grand Opera).

SIR,—I write only as an amateur, with no claim to any professional knowledge. On and off, however, for the last fifteen years I have devoted my spare time to the study of the production of the human voice, and have purchased almost every book that I heard of about voice-production, that of Mr. Travers Adams included. I am sorry to say that I can glean nothing really comprehensible from any of

Mr. Adams states in the Introduction to his be them. that he is writing only for students, but I do not find it any the simpler. If we amateurs have to wade painform through a mass of anatomical, physiological, acoustic highly-scientific verbiage; if we have to wreste as 'phonetics,' 'fundamental tone,' 'harmonics,' reflection' reinforcement of upper partials,' &c., we can pick o little of practical use. What may seem easy hopelessly difficult to the average student. What may seem easy to expensi There is n amateur that I know who intelligently grasps more than the simplest points. If writers clearly understood this, it was be much better for the tyro. I am very sorry to says but I was intensely disappointed at reading the rath (I hope he will excuse me) abrupt closure, by himself, of what Mr. Adams has been writing to us about the way in practise. I thoroughly understood all he said. It was significant, as far as it went, but I felt he could have significant so much more which might have cleared up many difficulti in a simple way. Is it impossible to put in transpar language information upon a complete, detailed method practice whereby the voice could be produced and proper developed?-Yours, &c., F. P. SYLVESTER MILLS.

190, Camberwell Grove, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

# THE MALADY OF CHOPIN (OR SHOULD IN BE, OF SCHUBERT?)

SIR,-I suspect that it was despair at being unable to pick holes in the rest of my argument about Schule that led Mr. L. J. Green to select for his assault the col part of my letter which could possibly be conceived as a mere attempt at eleverness. But if he wished to revile m little epigram, he should at least have quoted it correctly I described Schubert's music as providing 'factitious ing
"factitious"] opportunities to be soulful'; by which meant that there is, as a rule, nothing in the inspiration of the construction of the music itself that calls for an particular soulfulness in the performance. It usually resolve itself into a series of tonic-and-dominant or similar thread bare progressions, which must have been outworn before the time of Beethoven; and the opportunities to be soulh are provided either by adding what I believe is called 'lilt, or by an occasional sugariness of harmony which we usual associate with such a composer as Gounod. This I all poverty of musical ideas.

Examples of what I mean may be found in two of Schubert's most popular compositions—the Pianofort Impromptu in B flat, and the second movement of the 'Unfinished' Symphony. (The first movement is, Iadmi, scarcely open to these objections.) Compare these effort to make a sow's ear look like a silk purse with (say) the soaring sixths and sevenths in Elgar's Violin Concern, which are essential to his melodic scheme, and when innate nobility would shine through the most soulles

performance.

In conclusion, I may add that to designate the man who while among his five hundred odd songs he produced a lee fine examples, was nevertheless more than any other composer responsible for the deadening tradition of the Lied, as 'by almost universal acclaim the greatest songwriter of all time' (as though, by the way, universal acclaim proved anything to the purpose), displays not only a fundamental weakness, but an unoriginality of musical appreciation which I trust nothing in my letter has equalled.—Yours, &c., NORMAN C. SUCKLING.

10. Ellerslie Road, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

# WAGNER AND THE ENGLISH PRESS

SIR,—As Mr. Newman offers no sort of apology for his libellous letter printed in your October issue, I must decline to continue the discussion with him in your columns I ask you to give publicity to this statement lest my

silence should be mistaken for acquiescence.—Yours, &c.,
Oxford. George Ainslie Hight.

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THE PROBLEMS OF MODERN MUSIC'

518.-In your last issue I read the criticism of my blems of Modern Music,' translated from the German. the reviewer, considering the actual form of my book, remarks that on Stravinsky the author 'has hardly hing to say.' May I be allowed to point out that to rgeat and disagreeable surprise the Stravinsky chapter, after Schönberg, was meant to give a more consoling bok into the future, and which is contained in the English translation. It is not possible for me to decide ge fault it is. I did not see the translation before ns, as well as the proportions of the book .ms. &c. ADOLF WEISSMANN.

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## ' F. S. S. A. L.

SR,-For Mr. Herbert Hodge's benefit I can, I think, espet the mystic initials 'F.S.S.A.L.,' which I too have he smiled over when passing the church to which I think Fellow elers. Be prepared to be awed. Here it is: the Society of Science, Arts, and Literature.' As if this not sufficient recompense for passing an examinationhey really do have to pass one-I believe the distinction is with it a hood. Such a non-diploma-possessing as myself could not presume to assess the value, at as it must be, of such an imposing slice of the habet, so I will refer your correspondent to a well-known alogse of 'diplomas,' 'Musical Examinations' (Dubious), the I believe can be obtained from Messrs. Curwen—and ith, incidentally, should be brought up to date .-A. M. HAWKINS.

II, Claverdale Road, S. W. 2.

#### A DISCLAIMER

in,-The whole of my remarks as distinct from the ments chosen by Mr. Newman for his very free fantasia ared in the New Age of October I. They will be found und widely different from Mr. Newman's fantasia. declare that I plumped for Bartók in that article is reasons why I supposed, to put it briefly, that there was difference between the audience of 1820 and 1920; it is is untrue, as any one who takes the trouble to read will see for himself. Yet again it is untrue to say that existed 'the evidence and the argument in toto.' I said thing at all about the evidence as such. Unlike some s I do not regard insufficient knowledge or no eledge at all of a matter as a justification for posing as authority on it. I confined myself to questioning the ity of applying conclusions drawn from musical enings a century ago to musical events happening .- Yours, &c., KAIKHOSRU SORABJI.

S, Clarence Gate Gardens, Regents Park, N.W. I.

Augustus Toop writes at great length taking reption to a review in our last number of his book, 'The remist and his Choir.' As the points at issue are of ion rather than of fact, we cannot publish the letter. columns are open to authors and composers who wish orrect any actual mis-statement in a review, but no ful purpose is served by arguments between reviewer and levee on so large a number of points as Mr. Toop Mr. Toop asks if our reviewer knows anything at about ordinary parish choir work. We think it more in likely that he has some knowledge of the subject, ing that he has had thirty years' experience, six at a lige church, six at a church in a London slum, and the mander at typical London parish churches.—EDITOR.]

Dr. George J. Bennett has been appointed Sheriff of coln for the coming year. Congratulations to Lincoln the Doctor !

# The Amateurs' Erchange

Under this heading we insert, free of charge, announce-ments by amateur musicians who wish to co-operate with others.

Lady pianist wishes to join dance band or amateur concert party. Able to lead.—E. D., c/o Musical Times.

Pianist wanted (advanced) by violinist and 'cellist for practice of sonatas and trios. London W.5 district.— W., c/o Musical Times.

Young lady singer wishes to meet accompanist for mutual practice. - F. M. A., 465, Grove Green Road, Leytonstone, E. II.

Ladies' vocal trio, meeting fortnightly on Fridays, requires an accompanist. Classical and modern songs, for mutual practice.—Mrs. K. OSTREHAN, 82, Waller Road, New Cross, S. E. 14.

Young pianist wishes to meet violinist (lady or gentleman) for practice of classical sonatas. N. or N.W. district.—
R. Finlayson, I, Cecil Road, Muswell Hill, N. 10.

Pianists wishes to meet singer for mutual practice, preferably soprano.—R. A. J., 95, Shirland Road, W.9.

Pianist wishes to meet violinist and 'cellist to form trio.
Also wishes to join vocalists in mutual practice and reading.—R. M., 14, Sandringham Road, Golders Green,

Advertiser wishes to meet viola player to complete string quartet, N. London. Good library of classics and moderns. STOKOE, c/o Musical Times.

Experienced accompanist (gentlemen) desires instrumental and vocal accompanying. Classics preferred. London district. H. V. A., c/o Musical Times.

Violinists (first and second) and pianist wish to meet 'cellist

for trio-playing, &c.-A. V. H., 15, Hanover Park, Peckham, S.E. 15.

Pianist (lady) wishes to meet violinist and 'cellist one evening a week .- M. K., c/o Musical Times.

Good pianist wishes to meet good violinist and 'cellist to form trio. - A. T., 2, Milton Park, Highgate, N.6. Pianist wishes to meet violinist or vocalist for mutual practice. Classical music. - A. P., c/o Musical Times.

#### MUSIC FOR TWO PIANOFORTES

On November 3, Mr. A. M. Henderson read a paper on the above subject before the members of the Musical Association. It was illustrated by several examples played by himself and Mr. Wilfrid Senior. The lecturer began by saying that it was surprising that the literature of music for two pianofortes-rich, attractive, and high in quality as it was-should receive so little attention by artists and teachers. It was delightful to play and enjoyable to hear, and was as refreshing and exhilarating in the studio of the teacher as in the concert room.

After referring to Farnaby's quaint little Duet for two virginals in the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book, and the three short pieces by Couperin, which, he added, lacked the charm and personality of Couperin's writing for solo instruments, Mr. Henderson said that Bach had left us two splendid Concertos in C major and C minor -with accompaniments for strings. These, however, were not essential to the performance, which was quite effective if they were omitted. There were also two Fugues for two claviers in 'The Art of Fugue,' but, though interesting, they were musically not very attractive. From Mozart we had a Sonata in D major, a very original work, full of fire and life, and having a lovely Andante for middle movement. Also this composer had given us a fine and dignified Fugue in C minor. A Concerto in E flat was even more effective than the Sonata, and had the added interest and colour of a delightful orchestral accompaniment. Clementi had written two really beautiful Sonatas, both in B flat. These were little known or played, although to his (the lecturer's) mind, they were superior to the composer's solo Sonatas.

Beethoven and Schubert wrote no music in this form, and so we came to the Romantic School. Schumann's poetic Andante and Variations, Op. 46, certainly deserved its popularity. Chopin's Rondo in C, published posthumously, was written before the composer was twenty, and though brilliant and effective could hardly be classed as one of his best works. Brahms's Variations on a Theme of Haydn, Op. 56, was one of the finest and most genial of the composer's works, and was unquestionably one of the masterpieces in this genre, characterised as it was not only by great musical beauty, but by astonishing

mastery of the technique of composition.

Reinecke had written many delightful works, all of them grateful to play. Among the more important were Andante and Variations, Op. 6; Variations on a Sarabande by Bach, Op. 24; Impromptu on a Theme from Schumann's 'Manfred,' Op. 66; 'Pictures from the South,' Op. 86; and Improvizata on a Gavotte by Gluck, Op. 125. Theodore Kirchner had written some refined musical Waltzes, and Duvernoy an effective piece, roulant,' Op. 250, Christian Sinding's Variations in E flat Op. 2, was a splendid and characteristic work. Saint-Saens had contributed very generously to the twopianoforte literature, and in every case most effectively. Mention might be made of his Variations on a Theme of Beethoven, Op. 35: Polonaise, Op. 77; Scherzo, Op. 87; a very beautiful Caprice Arabe, Op. 96; and Caprice Héroïque, Op. 106. Chabrier had written 'Trois Valses Héroïque, Op. 106. and Debussy had left us 'En blanc et noir,' a Romantiques, group of his last pieces in his most refined and sensitive To the same school also we were indebted for further fresh and original additions to this répertoire, including several pieces of Gueroult, a Suite in B minor by Aubert, two very original pieces, 'Jeux en plein air,' by Tailleferre, and a poetic 'Caprice mélancolique' and 'Trois Pieces' by Reynaldo Hahn.

Eduard Schütt had composed a few charming pieces, including Variations, Op. 9; Valse Paraphrase, Op. 58, No. 1; Impromptu Roccoo, Op. 58, No. 2; and Andante Cantabile and Scherzino, Op. 79. The Russians had given us some fine, characteristic pieces, which in originality, rhythmic interest, and pianistic qualities were excelled by none. Arensky had to his credit five fine Suites, the last of which, Op. 65, consisted of eight short movements, all written in the form of canons, and perfectly charming. Glière had written some beautiful duets. His Six Morceaux, Op. 41, were excellent. His Op. 61 consisted of a series of twenty-four pieces, many of them very beautiful. Rachmaninov had composed two Suites, Opp. 5 and 17—fine, but very difficult. By British composers there were Norman O'Neill's Variations and Fugue on an Irish Theme,

Arthur Somervell's Variations on an Original Theme, and Arnold Bax's Irish tone-poem, 'Moy Mell.'

Besides original works such as those mentioned above, there were a large number of transcriptions, amongst which were some of Bach's organ works, a selection from 'The Well-Tempered Clavier' and the Goldberg Other arrangements mentioned included four of the finest of Handel's Concerti Grossi; Mozart's Fantasia in Fminor (originally written for a mechanical organ); some of Haydn's works; Beethoven's Septet; the Rondino for wind instruments; and some of the Symphonies. Brahms had himself arranged his Quintet in F minor, Op. 34. calling it in this form a Sonata for two pianofortes, and had also arranged five of the Waltzes originally written for pianoforte duet. The works of Saint-Saens afforded some transcriptions of exceptional interest, among them being the six Preludes and Fugues, Opp. 99 and 109, for the organ, the Marche Héroique, Op. 34, the Septet, Op. 65, and the Etude Chromatique, Op. 111, No. 5. Practically all of César Franck's finest organ works had been arranged by Duparc and Jules Griset.

There were also some excellent second pianoforte parts to works written for pianoforte solo, such as those by Grieg to four of Mozart's Sonatas, those by Henselt to the Etudes of Cramer and of Bertini, and the twenty-four characteristic pieces by Corder to the Studies of Czerny, Op. 636. The paper ended with a brief account of some noted players of music for two pianofortes, including Mozart and his sister, Clementi and his pupil, John Field, the brothers Thern, Bülow and d'Albert, Rachmaninov and Siloti, Sophie Menter and Sapellnikov, Harold Bauer and Ossip Gabrilowitsch, and in England Myra Hess and Irene Scharrer.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Association was held or the evening of November 3 at the Criterion Restaurant, the president (Dr. Charles Wood) being in the chair, proposing the toast of the 'Musical Association,' Proj. J. C. Bridge spoke in high terms of the extraordinary value and interest of the papers which had been read before the Association during the last fifty-one years. The volum were so prized that many of the earlier numbers were very difficult to acquire. Dr. Wood, in replying, also emphasis the value of the work that was being done. He regarded He regarded i Dr. C. H. Kitson proposed 'The Council and Officers' to which Mr. F. Gilbert Webb responded. in submitting 'Our Overseas Members,' pointed out that the Association had members in many distant parts of the world notably in America. At the present moment there were proposals under consideration for some degree of reciprocity between the Association and the National Federation Music Teachers in America, a body founded only two year after the Musica! Association. It was hoped that members of each, when in the others' country, would visit meeting. and possibly deliver lectures. Dr. Albert Staller, Emeritus Professor of Music in Michigan University, U.S.A., in replying, gave a further account of the National Federation, and expressed a lively satisfaction at the prospect of closer relations. Dr. Charles Hoby proposed The Visitors,' which was acknowledged by Mr. Wilfrid

During the evening much pleasure was afforded by some pianoforte trios, admirably played by Miss Enid Bailer, Miss Kathleen Jacobs, and Miss Doris Hibbert, from the Royal Academy of Music.

# London Concerts

LONDON SYMPHONY OSCHESTRA

M. Tcherepnin perc is one of the most innocent of composers-innocent, that is, of composition and its ways and means as they are usually understood and practised. Music does not grow connectedly under his hands; it happens Though not gifted in melody, development, and form, M. Tcherepnin has the gift of the gab. He kept is attentive to it for fifty minutes at Queen's Hall on October 10, while Mr. Albert Coates conducted, and the London Symphony Orchestra played his large and imposing Symphoniette.' The diminutive in the title may stand for the amount of musical thought that lay in the untiring orchestral horse-play. The same programme brought 'The Nightingale' to the notice of London-not Stravinsky ballet, but Respighi's gramophone record, about which The Pines of Rome' wave their branches in a thin breeze The voice of the bird grows on one, but the music takes no root.

Mr. Coates conducted the Orchestra again on November 2. for a brilliant evening of Wagner.

## SIR HENRY WOOD'S CONCERTS

Germaine Tailleferre's D major Pianoforte Mile. Concerto was played by M. Alfred Cortot at the Queen's The composer Hall Symphony concert on October 24. The composer has here tackled a problem much like that of Dr. Vaughan Williams in his new Violin Concerto—that is, reconciling a Concerto Grosso of early 18th-century shape with early 20th-century content. The young Frenchwoman has pretty, nimble gift, but, one would say, far less conviction in her undertaking than the Englishman, and no such personal style. The spirit of the music seemed little more than a caprice. One thing and another began, and was Now if one given up with a shrug of the shoulders. characteristic is stronger than another in the Bach Concertos. which have clearly been her model, and which the listener cannot possibly exclude from his mind, it is the unrelased thoroughness with which the musical matter is examined and expounded. In this form Mile, Tailleferre's at betrayed a certain triviality.

After the Concerto Sir Henry conducted the Suite from Stravinsky's 'Pulcinella' ballet-music. This music, it will

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remembered, was drawn from Pergolesi and freely ingered up by Stravinsky. The effect is amusing, is first it is demure enough—Pergolesi au naturel. The injuter gradually creeps in, and by and by pretty well elipses the other. The violent anachronisms make the injuries of a skit. We should not call Stravinsky in the control of a skit. We should not call Stravinsky in the control of the control emorous-he is too cutting and bitter. But these orchestral nips of his seem expressive of acid satire, and, for what it worth, that is rather a novelty in music. We were by at time (at the end of the afternoon) far away from the enerous and naive outpourings of the Symphony of the cert, Franck's D minor.

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The next concert (November 7) was distinguished by an cellent performance of Dr. Vaughan Williams's 'London imphony, a performance for which a special expression of tanks is due to Sir Henry and his men, the more as the gest work is a bit of a rarity in our programmes. The mortunity for hearing it played makes a day long memorable. The authors of the analytical notes wanted us to accompany music by evoking a whole panorama of London life. is that really necessary? Surely such music ('mehr Empindung als Malerei') deserves to be taken solely for sown sake-not being like the poor food at a gaudy staurant where the noise of the band attempts to divert m minds from the inferiority of the cooking. Too much such poetical annotations might well frighten a composer him giving his work a name at all. Yet 'London' is a god name for the Symphony: for this strong and urging music is in the last resort bailled of something mething it would grasp and define-just as is the thinking an who pores over our city's multitudinous life. The ark streams flow and eddy. To our 'Whither?' there is answer but a mysterious echo among the soft inconclusive mes at the end.

It has been said that Vaughan Williams's 'London,' his Symphony, is very sad-that even the holidaysking in the Scherzo is wistful. If so, the sadness is of a right same and manly sort, for the music leaves one with a sense of elevation. We may have been looking to a puzzling and elusive world. Yes, there is just the man—the looking into! The artist has helped us to look has given us insight—beyond our normal vision. For sch extensions of our own poor senses we go to the arts, ad so do we enjoy the powers of better men than

As on the other Saturday, this afternoon ended with carinsky—the whole of the 'Petrouchka' ballet-music. chaps this music was 'mehr Malerei als Empfindung.' hyhow there were many 'early Britons' who failed to it out. One could only guess that they had not seen Petrouchka' on the stage, and that the music does not sak clearly for itself to those. Is 'Petrouchka' intelligible sheer music? Impossible for such of us as know it well the stage to say. Every action is sharply evoked for us Is the concert performance, and we do not regret the lack of the stage, especially as the execution of the score is naturally superior at a Saturday Symphony concert. Still, ir my part, I felt that the 'early Britons' might, however twildered, have stayed on to give a fair chance to this music. Of course, the thing is a masterpiece. What a entainty and what an ingenuity in that demonic hand ! Between the Symphony and the ballet M. Jacques Thibaud was in capital form in Bruch's second Violin

# ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

The first concert of the season drew a packed audience, hanks to the attractive power of the Leeds Festival Choir and the interest roused by Holst's 'Choral' Symphony. The performance of Holst's work was unequal, with some plendid moments and some in which the forces needed olling together. This was felt specially in the Scherzothe movement in which the choir most distinguished self in the first performance of the work at Leeds. The poetry of the slow movement was missed; it is of an anusal and elusive type, and the failure seemed to lie at the for of the half-chorus. Miss Dorothy Silk sang teatifully in the solo part (but we were astonished to and her making 'here' a dissyllable in the 'Spirit here that triumphing gloriously in a field that is often strewn with stricken and exhausted singers. Mr. Albert Coates conducted.

The second concert (November 19) was an 'Elgar night' (to adopt a term from the opera-house, with its far less important prima-donna 'nights'), and gave as good a survey of the composer as could well be managed in one programme. The 'Enigma' Variations, the 'Cello Concerto (Miss Beatrice Harrison), 'In the South,' and that neglected masterpiece, 'Falstaff,' with the Bach C minor Fantasia and Fugue to remind us of Elgar's unsurpassed skill as orchestrator, were conducted by the composer, and received with an enthusiasm that made one ask whether an Elgar Festival would not, after all, be a popular success. During the evening Sir Henry Wood presented the composer with the Society's Gold Medal-an honour that would have been conferred long ago were composers given their due place in the musical hierarchy. (Things being as they are, Tetrazzini and Pachmann got theirs first!) But better late than never, and the crowded audience forgave the belatedness in their enjoyment of the opportunity of showing that a prophet is not always without honour in his own country.

## FAURÉ'S POSTHUMOUS QUARTET

A French concert given by the Music Society, Tufton Street, Westminster, on October 20, contained alongside works of Franck, Debussy, and Ravel, the posthumous String Quartet in E minor, Op. 121, of Gabriel Fauré. It was performed by M. André Mangeot's quartet, which players were joined by M. Cortôt in a performance of Franck's Pianoforte Quintet.

The intimate conditions of the Tufton Street concerts favoured the new composition. Fauré's music has never won anything like its Paris vogue in the outside world, and when we ask why, we find one reason in that it was so beautifully designed to harmonize with the local circumstances of music-making. His chamber music is indeed for the chamber. And he wrote for listeners who were willing to be charmed but not harangued. Fauré's sentiment in his songs is often declared here to be 'artificial' or 'too scented.' But let us consider the society in which these songs were to live—not the earnest German middle-classes for whom the great German lieder-composers wrote, but a more sceptical, more fastidious, more limited, more lightly musical world-and we shall see better how exquisitely his art shaped itself. Most concert-rooms are too big for Fauré. Yet it sounds like disparagement to call his a 'drawing-room music.' It is that: but of what a cultivated, elegant, sensitive drawing-room!

The new Quartet was written when Fauré was seventy-nine. In his latter years he had singularly reined upon nine. In his latter years he had singularly relined to the always delicate style of his writing. The songs of 'Le Jardin Clos,' L'Horizon Chimérique,' and 'Mirages,' are not much known, but in their discreet beauty is something very attractive, if one but lends a sympathetic ear. The Quartet is even more discreet. Vitality had evidently waned. The musical shapes that appear (such as the little question-and-answer of the opening, and the succeeding G major subject on the first violin) are of a very slight characterisation. The Andante seemed long (though it is not) because of the extreme sedateness of the figures. The Finale is enlivened by a springing triplet which ends by capturing the whole field. Fauréans will cherish the work as the farewell to art of the old master, and not therefor only, but also because of certain subtle little harmonic adventures characteristic of Fauré's open mind to the last. The ending of the Andante should not be missed by those who have appreciated other beautiful cadences in the later Fauré.

Miss Guiomar Novaes, a young pianist from Brazil, made a great impression on a very critical audience by her pianoforte-playing at .Eolian Hall recently. She gave two recitals, of which the first was probably better than the second, though both were exceedingly interesting. Taking her at her best, which was certainly in Chopin's 'Funeral March' Sonata, she struck us as quite the most remarkable woman pianist who has appeared in fignest' lines). The Ninth Symphony found the choir London for several years. Perfect technique we expect

nowadays from every good exponent, but Miss Novaes combined with this a strength and fire which are very rare in any pianist, male or female. Plenty of people in the hall-musicians as well as amateurs-spoke of her as the legitimate successor of Carreño, and there was point in the conjunction: for Miss Novaes shows nothing of what we are accustomed to call the feminine qualities in her playing. Her Chopin was never sentimental, nor yet febrile. we were conscious of an extraordinary fierceness in her interpretation of the music, even the softer passages revealing, as it were, the claw under the silk glove. or is not an ideal interpretation remains inevitably a matter of opinion, but many of us felt that here was an example of Chopin-playing perfect in its own way, which, moreover, hardly won from the professional critics-most of whom were absent-the recognition it deserved.

#### GERALD COOPER'S CONCERT

Dr. Vaughan Williams is ranging through all the musical forms, helping to make them afresh: symphony, choral symphony, cantata, mass, opera, string quartet, song, part-song—these he has cultivated and fertilized; and there Flos Campi ' which grows in nobody else's garden. Most of us, if given the choice, would ask next for a violin concerto, knowing that he would take his cue not from the overgrown style of the 19th century, but from the clarity and directness of the 18th. So it has been. The 'Concerto Accademico,' which we heard at a Gerald Cooper concert on November 6, proceeds like a concerto of Bach. abrupt rhythms of the opening Allegro, species' writing over a study bear the writing over a sturdy bass, and the conversational give and take between the solo violin and the string orchestra were all in character. So too, in the slow movement, were the free figuration of the solo part over the steadily-growing pattern of the accompaniment, and the serene and highly-wrought beauty of the movement itself. The third movement, a Scheres, carries on the analogy with its quick triplets. Add a reference to the continual forward urging that is distinctly Bach-like, and we may drop a comparison that is brought in largely as a kind of terminological shorthand and admit that the work is entirely Vaughan Williams. The play of part-writing and harmony are pure V. W. of the nineteentwenties, strong and steady, with the face of noble melancholy which we may well describe as 'the Cotswold Quite a success, shared by Jelly d'Aranyi (violinist), Anthony Bernard (conductor), the London Orchestra, and a large and well-chosen audience.

On the same evening Mr. John Goss sang Sonnet VII. from Spenser's 'Amoretti,' set to music for low tenor voice and eleven instruments by Bernard van Dieren. Mr. Goss has since announced that he likes van Dieren songs as songs. All honour to him for his opinion, and felicitation from us who can only like them as music, and then not always. In this case Mr. van Dieren works a pretty spell with strings and wind, with harmonies that are accessible to the most timid ear for all their shifting lights, apt digressions on this or that instrument, a sweet richness in it all, and music enough to throw off servitude to words. The words, too, have a claim to reject the companionship of so much music. Clearly a misfit somewhere. The vocal part does not pulsate with the words, though, as an expressive line, it is full of comeliness. Probably this is the foundation of Mr. Goss's liking. Anyhow, the song was both admired and enjoyed.

The balance of a sterling programme consisted of a Suite of Purcell Ayres, arranged by Mr. Anthony Bernard, the 'Amor Brujo' Suite of de Falla, Mozart's G major Violin Concerto, and the 'Siegfried Idyll.'

## FESTIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S CORNHILL

The St. Michael's Singers—that excellent 'choral society for City workers in connection with St. Michael's, Cornhill'—are now in the seventh year of their prosperity, and celebrated their fifth Festival on November 2-5. As in former years, Dr. Harold Darke had arranged a daily organ recital at mid-day and four evening performances of sacred

In this scheme the Universities and Cathedrals music. were able to pay back some of the debt which the province owe to London in the matter of music, for Dr. Rootham of St. John's College, Cambridge, Dr. W. H. Haris, of New College, Oxford, and Dr. Ernest Bullock, of Exeter Cathedral, played three of the organ programmes, leaving the fourth to Mr. Edgar Cook, of Southwark, and the evening work to Mr. Thalben Ball, of the City Temple, The four evening programmes were devoted to moden choral music, unaccompanied choral music, old music for vocal solos, and the B minor Mass, thus securing a maximum of interest and variety without recourse to music incongruous with the circumstances of the by Frank Bridge ('A Prayer'), Leslie Woodgate (Two Hymns for solo, men's voices, and strings), Dr. Roothan ('Brown Earth'), and Vaughan Williams ('Five Mystical Songs'), and settings from such varied sources as Thomas There was, however, a certain à Kempis and Herrick. greyness over them all which was broken in welcome fashion by the spirited singing of Parry's 'God breaketh the battle, by Mr. Trefor Jones. The Tuesday programme contained Bach Motet ('Jesu, Priceless Treasure'), placed betweensome Elizabethan unaccompanied music and two of Parry's 'Sorg of Farewell.' There was a time not so very long ago when choral singers found the idiom of Bach as strange as they now find the Elizabethan idiom. In 'Jesu,' Treasure' the St. Michael's Singers revealed what they were to display more fully in the B minor Mass-the familiarity with Bach's idiom which invests his music with that curious affectionate intimacy which makes so strong an appeal to the listener who loves his Bach. But the Magnificat from Byrd's 'Great' Service needs an entirely different treatment, and in it the choir showed that it is possible to know the music in one sense, and yet remain on terms of merely formal acquaintance with it. If a bass sees an entry in the comfortable part of his register on the second beat of a bar. he can hardly help treating it as a syncopation, however often he has been told to disregard bar-lines. when all allowance has been made for Byrd's habit of putting unimportant words like conjunctions on non-accented beats, the fact remains that, unlike a modern composer, he more often than not sets them to long notes which tend to acquire an accent of duration, while the important words, which he accents strongly, are equally often set to short notes. The second phrase of the Magnificat shows both these peculiarities: and (minim) my (crotchet) spirit (monosyllable and quaver, but accented) re- (quaver) joiceth, &c. To make such passages sound free and smooth takes much practice, and though we may congratulate the St. Michael's Singers on making a beginning they have not yet reached the end. The third concert took the form of a recital of old music by Miss Dorothy Silk and Mr. Stuart Robertson, interspersed with Quartets of Glazounov and Mozart, played by the Hermitage String Quartet. Schütz and Tunder were the less familiar composers, and on the whole deservedly so, for neither of their three numbers equalled in quality Purcell's 'The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation' nor Bach's cantata, 'Blessed is the man,

The B minor Mass was given in St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church for the sake of its greater accommodation, which was used to the full. The performance was chiefly notice able for the differentiation of feeling in each number, which was achieved through Dr. Darke's careful attention to detail. Slight variations in tempo, small adjustments in instrumentation, and sparing but well-judged use of climax, produced a more vital reading than is often obtained by larger choirs which, in seeking huge effects, frequently make all equally huge and equally unimpressive. This was an interesting performance, and a fitting conclusion to a Festival of which the prevailing note was sincerity.

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#### SOME SINGERS OF THE MONTH

Chaliapin sang to a huge audience at the Albert Hall (November 3). He was in first-rate form, and sang as only Chaliapin can. It was a fascinating study to watch his face and hands. Their expressiveness was always at the service of his songs, but it never struck one as a studious

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But it is worth emphasising that all his quick ard goverful imaginativeness as a singer would be invalidated if kad not a first-class vocal technique—a breath control as arrellous as one could ever hope to witness. 'Control,' aleed, seems an awkward word for the technique of Caliapin, who has certainly long been able to leave the mulation of the supply of his voice to his subconsciousness. Rethaps only a singer could appreciate the audacity with shich, that night, he toyed with ideas as they crossed his mind. He never sings a song twice alike, and he gives be impression of making sudden raids on his resources—fam the lightest, most whimsical form of expression to the sightiest and most passionate. But his resources on this is evening never failed him.

His beautiful high pianissimo was something such as mother contemporary singer gives us. And likewise those entaordinary series of in-rolling waves of tone, each a little hidler and intenser than the last. The programme was notly Russian, but of mixed qualities.

Schubert's 'Doppelgänger' was the thing of things to member. At a very slow pace it was sustained and intensied with preternatural courage and strength. Chaliapin played the most extravagant tricks with Leporello's 'Catalogue Song,' but I for one am not going to say that is was not justified in being as funny as he possibly could be therein. Isn't it a funny song? And don't most singers ackle Mozartian comedy as solemnly as a devotional aercise—like churchwardens handing round the plate? I add a little extra ardour to my praise of the incompanble artist because of a certain Beckmesserish priggishes which has here and there been noticeable in regard to tim. It seems to be a grievance—it does not fit in with the nles!—that Chaliapin should be able to take up a mediocre song, like Tchaikovsky's 'Night,' or Flégier's 'Cor,' or Malashkin's 'Oh, could I but express in song,' and smehow make a masterpiece of it. I will admit he fell bott of making a masterpiece of that unlucky 'Blind Ploughman,' on which—an intermezzo!—he practised his zwily-acquired English before us.

In the same week we heard, at the New Chenil Galleries, Chelsea, another artist who brings a similar springing imaginativeness into singing, if in a smaller way. I mean John Coates. He gave a recital of 'English songs before Parcell,' including some great favourites and some unfamiliar revivals. William Corkine's 'Go, heavy thoughts' was one of the best of the latter. A Coates recital would be pure pleasure if the audience would applaud a little less antestrainedly. Hand-clapping in a small room is a horrid noise, and Mr. Coates's boisterous admirers always want stery song twice over. Not but that this is natural enough. Mr. Coates is the best English singer of his time, and one of the finest artists in the world to-day. No one else could give to the Elizabethan love-songs his shades of purely English wit, whimsicality, and humour, which suit them swell.

An American soprano, Miss Florence Macbeth, sang at Queen's Hall. She came trailing clouds of newspaper elugies. The tone of these was pitched so high that there was some little disappointment in the actual performance. One cannot avoid the rather unkind word 'pretty' about it all. And it was of a not very convinced, not single-hearted prettiness. It was a light voice of some charm and agility, but after a time one had an uncomfortable impression of affectation in the exhibition of it—as though the singer were afterly regardless of the music she was singing (true, much of it did not deserve great regard), but engrossed by the

business of a 'pretty' platform demeanour. She took the Mad Scene from 'Lucia' most seriously, but she was not quite familiar enough with French to sing it with the right glibness.

Mr. Eric Marshall (baritone) gave another recital at Wigmore Hall, and struck one as an improving technician, while his programme gave evidence of his musicianly aspirations. His fine voice, which has a 'cello-like quality, is more contained than it was, and is gaining a power and boldness which ought to tell in opera. His French was good, only there were far too many signs of a certain bluntness of musical perception. Mr. Marshall is still far from being a musician's singer. If he matures artistically he will deserve to become really famous.

Miss Astra Desmond sang at the same hall. One debated inwardly whether she were simply temporarily 'off colour,' or whether she had been rather unluckily experimenting in method. Certainly her tone that evening seemed, in comparison with our memories of her singing in the past, disappointingly thin and hard. In a variety of things, including some of Ortrud's music from 'Lohengrin,' she pretty consistently dispensed with full chest resonance. The eye tells us that this singer was not intended by nature for such comparatively colourless, insignificant utterance.

Mr. Riddell Hunter gave a recital at Wigmore Hall. A graceful and in some ways really accomplished singer. So long as he was unambitiously lyrical he could please us nicely, and he used his merca-roce to charming effect in a song from his own pen. But if he wants his words to fly higher he must point and wing them with better consonants.

Miss Dora Stevens's singing reminded one, at its best moments, of that of Miss Silk, and her fine programme showed her to be a singer of similar good taste. Her way of mounting a phrase that is to go curving above the stave suggested the art of the more renowned singer, but Miss Stevens cannot yet match Miss Silk in other ways. At present, sweet though her voice is, it is one-coloured, and so is apt to seem cloying after a number of songs. Possibly the limitations of her physical strength influence her style, and, if so, she might be well-advised to cultivate seriously the muscular development which would invigorate her singing. There were Arias from the 05th and 127th cantatas of Bach, songs of Wolf, and new pieces by Hubert J. Foss and Harold Craxton (the admirable accompanist of the concert).

Another most musicianly programme was that of Miss Marie Howes (Grotrian Hall, November 11). She, programme was that of again, was of the class of singer-a class in which the modern musical world must, for all its shortcomings, be considered rich-which considers the voice essentially as a gift sent to be put at the service of the best sorts of music. The programme contained some out-of-the-way Bach, a cantata of Rameau, a setting of the Church scene of Goethe's Faust,' by Schubert, and, among the modern songs, an example of the protean Bernard van Dieren. Miss Howes was joined in the duets by Mr. John Goss, and she was accompanied by Mr. Frank Howes. She was nervous, but one cannot put down wholly to nervousness some indifferent quality in her singing. It was more likely the result of a faulty method, and so probably was her result of a faulty method, and so probably was her nervousness, for most nervousness is due to uncontrolled breathing. Now and then, in an animated passage, Miss Howes would show us how well she might sing generally if her technical foundations were sure. This came out most noticeably in the joyous 'Ah, yes! Just so!' from Bach's 'Phœbus and Pan,' in which—the movement has presented by intention the back control in the happening to install an instinctive breath-control in the singer-the tone was bold and the diction perfectly clear. Then, too, at the opening of the recitative, 'My God, how long?' the voice had real weight and dignity—the characteristics which ought, indeed, to belong to it normally. Elsewhere one felt an unbalanced preoccupation with verbal expression, and sensuous vocal quality—otherwise beauty, otherwise the whole raison a etre for singing instead of talking-was lacking. Let her enrich her tone, and Miss Howes will find her words will not require half so much

Miss Mary Congreve sang at Wigmore Hall (November 13). She possesses more than ordinary knowledge of breath-control, and in the result one had, in her opening songs, the impression of a voice of sweetness and untrammelled movement. It was curious that in some modern English songs (Bax, Hughes, and Craxton) she went astray, obscuring her diction and failing to support her high notes. But disappointing as her technical aberration here was, Miss Congreve must still be put down as one of the best new singers of the season, and as one who bids fair to achieve a real professional standard. H. J. K.

## Competition Festival Record

FESTIVALS IN GENERAL, AND BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL IN PARTICULAR

Ever since Matthew Arnold wrote about

. this strange disease of modern life, With its sick hurry-

we who live in the time that is modern now, seem to be getting more and more hurried. Because wireless and transport have made the world shrink, it has become an enormous place to us minute individuals. It is full of new interests, places, and people all just waiting to please and excite us. It is, therefore, now imperative that we should limit our activities, unless we are going to let our lives become one incoherent, feverish rush. There is not time during our three-score years and ten to do all that we should like to do.

The need for this limitation was seen clearly in the Musical Festival held in October at Blackpool. Buttressing Blackpool are many great towns containing many, many people, all of whom are becoming increasingly interested in music. This is evident from the large attendance of choirs, orchestras, and soloists from the industrial towns of Bolton, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Wigan, Rochdale, &c. It is a fact that the interest of these people is increasing; this is proved by previous records of entries when these are compared with recent figures. A problem now faces Blackpool; probably it also faces other towns that hold competitive festivals.

The festival must be limited. Blackpool Festival lasts a whole week; it is held in six halls, which comprise the Winter Gardens, and music is being judged in at least four of these halls simultaneously during each day. Unless this Festival is to become unwieldy it must not be allowed to grow any larger. So much is certain. In some opinions it is equally certain that the Festival is too large already. officials are justly proud of their management; so proud, indeed, that one sometimes wonders if the organization and the motto, 'Progress'-on the programme, in all local papers, and even in coloured lights on the trams-is not more important to them than the music, which is, after all, the main thing. One adjudicator remarked to me, 'The organization is flattened out so smoothly as to make one feel that the music is in danger of getting flattened out too.'

There is a danger of this. Some classes of music at the Festival were so large that it was inconceivable that the patient judge should retain sufficient alertness to do his task adequately. A hundred and six sopranos, each singing three pieces, is too much for any one man to adjudicate thoroughly; and there were eighty-three mezzo-sopranos, each also singing Besly that he was perhaps prematurely betrayed into the

three pieces. Mr. Steuart Wilson in this class gave up hope of teaching the competitors in his adjudications anything more than they were able to learn from the scale of awards and his brief remarks But he made up for this by arranging an unofficis time with the competitors for a mutual and valuable exchange of ideas.) The class began at 9.0 a.m., an at 6.20 p.m. he was still busy. The evening session at which he was appointed to adjudicate, was due to begin at 6.0 p.m. Of course, he couldn't meet this engagement; and even had he been able, it is not probable that his physique or intelligence would have been equal to the strain.

The chief point of holding these festivals is that they should teach the competitors. Otherwise entrante might as well save their fare and entrance fee learn the music at home, and perform it at teaparties. Every competitor should return with fresh light both on the piece he has been learning and the instrument with which he has been interpreting in Some singers at Blackpool used their voices in a completely wrong way. They should not only be informed of this, but should be told how to remedy it; indeed, there is no reason why they should not have a practical lesson there and then.

Terry on several occasions actually provided this. He caused church choirs to sing a hymn so that it made music, and small boys to march round the platform singing Balfour Gardiner's setting of Masefield's

Cavalier' to a quick march rhythm, as it should be sung. All of which is excellent. Mr. Steuart Wilson's extension of Sir Richard's idea might, with advantage, be generally adopted. Half-anhour should be set apart for each class in which the judge would have time really to teach the competitors

something they did not know about the music. This should be in addition to the adjudication, which is generally very necessarily brief, and open to the public. The special time need not be brief, and it would not be public. It would simply be an opportunity for the judge to see that his remarks had been understood, and to initiate along the right lines practice based on them. This really would be worth

But before it can be attempted, some limitation must be put on Blackpool's ambition after 'records.' The important thing in a festival is the amount of enlightenment the competitors take home, not the number of entries, 'breaking all previous records,' which the committee has received. The management must cause the classes to be limited to a reasonable size, thereby considering and sparing the judges. so that, besides adjudicating, they may teach Then the work of the Festivals, besides being one of the good causes of education, will become of musical value in England.

#### BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL (OCTOBER 19-24) (FROM OUR MANCHESTER CORRESPONDENT)

Although the widespread appeal of this Festival brings in its train baffling problems of management and control, yet each succeeding meeting finds embarrassments which elsewhere would spell confusion and delay, only stimulating the host of voluntary workers to more incredible feats of managerial triumph. Artistically the revelations of the week were in the domain of chamber and orchestral music. Frank Bridge's 'Miniatures' and Schubert's A minor Quartet. providing the surprises in concerted work, whilst the quality, and high efficiency of five full orchestras. each comprising fifty players, so astounded Mr. Maurice

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w that in the North Country the problem of municipal sic was as good as solved. There was a striking example the way in which quality will triumphantly emerge from entek provided by a lady violinist—from Preston, if memory nes me rightly. k, a Joseph Gibbs Sonata, I believe, and instantly one's ical instincts recognised unusual quality both of technique interpretative power. Later in the same day, strolling into shall during the Schubert Quartet competition, and quite orant of the identity of the players then performing, the was arrested at the quality of the first violin in the and then playing. Closer investigation revealed the er of the morning's experience, and one or two questions the interesting fact that also she had been the other (in the Frank Bridge 'Miniatures') of the winning At last it almost seems that an instrumental dawn is aking, and if the expectation should prove well founded, s bound to have a tremendous reaction on the vocal to of these Festivals in the direction of improved sicianship, in which very often the vocalists are mentably deficient. All the artistic arguments which be formulated against the Rose Bowl competition where the winning vocalist in each of the six voices ang their three songs (and superb songs, too !) before ligige (Mr. Frederic Austin) who knows nothing of the me of these solo competitions-are completely pulverised when your six hundred or more entrants have produced such nices as were heard from the soprano, contralto, baritone, and ins. Small wonder, perhaps, that the monster crowd splanded prematurely in the soprano's 'Ah! perfido' in many more distinguished singers would have given heir all for such a spontaneous tribute. She beat the bass mather Norman Allin in the rough) who followed her with arias from Bach and Mozart, and then very appropriately Pogner's Address, which fitted the situation like a glove! Had he preceded the soprano, she might not have won the audience's approval quite so emphatically, is two such emotional outbursts in twenty minutes unnot leave folk equally moved. This feature of the andiences' participation in these awards needs some the audiences' participation in these awards incom-imphasis, for the standard of judgment revealed was empordinarily high. Between items they chatter eagerly in keen comparisons of ideas, but at the tinkle of the indow's hell silence falls upon the vast throngs. No the judge's bell silence falls upon the vast throngs. istor can come away without the most vivid impressions of their almost uncannily sound judgment of what's what. In vocal and choral music especially, this knowledge of from is supplemented by an intimate acquaintance with the nusic, and it has to be recorded that some of the judgments athe final day's choral work were openly derided. South Wales may dispute decisions with rioting, but in the North the fine sportsmanship amongst the choirs accepts awards oth more philosophic calm, ups and downs being taken the spirit that such affairs are mere incidents in their artistic life's journey. But I am going to attempt to take articulate this feeling animating the thinking crowds hat assemble at such Festivals as Blackpool, and no more iting place for the presentation of this view can be found than in the columns of this journal, which, since the taliest days of the late Dr. McNaught's work, has maintained bkeen an interest in the Competitive Festival movement. On Saturday morning, in the female-voice class, an accompanied setting by Orsmond Anderton of Keats's 'Ode to atumn' was used, lasting about six minutes. In the ranks a Southern choir was a soprano who sang so badly out tune the whole time her part was going that she could asily be located in the front row; of course there was an and to any aesthetic enjoyment of that performance—the indamentals were wrong, and probably the conductor spirmed more than many in the audience. But when it is scovered that such a violation of first principles of good horal singing is overlooked, and the choir included in the nalists, the audience does not lose its temper after the manner of violent partisans. No, it simply laughs the decision to scorn, for it is remembered that there were lenty of good choirs excluded. During the afternoon a mixed-voice choir, singing in Sakhnovsky's 'Pampas Grass,' loke down so badly that everybody in the building knew the ensemble was off the rails, and its unhappy conductor

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hopeless confusion. Here again was a big class, with plenty of choirs of repute that probably never sang better in their lives; yet, to everybody's consternation, the breakdown choir was rewarded with election to the evening's final! Again the people laughed loud and long at the verdict of the pundits; but it was the laughter of cynicism, and when such audiences do that, the competitive movement, fraught as it is with so much power for instruction, is in the gravest danger. Nobody moving through those thronged corridors that afternoon could doubt that after these decisions the whole question of adjudicatory principles was on its trial. To adapt Abraham Lincoln --you may fool some of the people part of the time, but you cannot fool everybody all the time. It may be suggested that exceptional instances are here quoted; agreed. whilst not characteristic of the adjudicating in general at Blackpool, they do not by any means stand alone, and the marvel is that dissent from this sort of thing has not manifested itself before now, because reason and instinct alike revolt against such negations of judgment. The plain man (and the plain woman, too!) have no use for mere caprice in these matters. These earnest folk come to learn, and to pick up wrinkles, and to their utter amazement they find this sort of thing not condemned, but rewarded. It does not square either with their critical instincts (sound in the main) or with their sense of justice. They ask in bewilderment, 'What sort of standards are judges setting up these days?' Momentary and occasional lapses from true intonation are assessed at a true value, and choirs do not suffer seriously at a judge's hands on that account, but six minutes' persistent off-pitch discordance is another matter. Again, all understand differences of opinion on interpretation, particularly in a work sung for the first time in public. Other things being equal, if a conductor's reading coincides with the views of the judge he is 'in'; whereas another's reading may be distinctly good, even more intellectual, but, not coinciding with the judge's, he is 'out.' Both have a perfect right to their respective views, and might well refuse even to modify them-all that sort of thing the audience understands as the result of differing temperaments. But the points named above are more concerned with fundamentals. What is going to be done about them? It is possible that had opportunity been afforded the adjudicators to give reasons for their decisions, as is usually the case, popular judgment might have been modified. Time-tables ought to allow for this to be done. A question very often heard these days is: 'Do the judges always prepare their work with the same assiduous care as the bulk of the choirs?' Of course, adjudicators and executives alike have such matters in their own hands, the latter by always sending the music for advance study, and the former by making sure that the score is in their heads and not their heads in the score.

For the Festival Scholarships of £150 for three years over a hundred candidates entered, and nineteen of these appeared at an exhaustive examination during the Festival. Miss Dorothy Haigh, a contralto singer, employed at the Bradford Co-operative Society's offices, was awarded the Scholarship. Her training hitherto has been by the Manchester tenor, Charles Neville.

Our correspondent's attack on the choral adjudicators calls for an answer, on quite other than mere personal grounds: the reputation of experienced judges may be trusted to survive such criticism. Both the judges concerned have served a long spell as choir-trainers, and have also had some years of experience in judging choral classes at festivals, large and small, in widely different parts of the country. Further, one of them has shared in the judging of the chief choral contests at Blackpool during the past few years. qualifications should be sufficient to dispose of any implications as to incompetence. But a much larger issue is raised-one that affects the public confidence in judges as a body, and makes an already difficult task ungrateful as well. We append, therefore, a statement by the judges concerning the award to which our correspondent takes exception.]

What an easy task judging would be if carried out on such superficial lines as those indicated above! A choir ad practically to stop and try a re-start, only to end in (or rather, a solitary member thereof) sang out of

tune in one of the tests; another came to grief badly at a difficult modulation. Enough! Both are damned beyond redemption. Happily, the official judges went to work on very different lines. They placed the choirs according to the performance of the whole of both tests; and they were concerned no less with the virtues than with the defects. In regard to the Sakhnovsky piece, the correspondent is apparently unaware that practically every choir failed to negotiate the more difficult of the chromatic passages, especially that on page 12. Indeed, if memory serves us, only the winning choir was correct as to notes, and even these singers were momentarily out of tune on the chord for 'bleaching.' Had only one choir blundered badly at this point, it could hardly have got into the final, save by virtue of some extraordinarily good singing in other ways. But as the failure was general, its bearing on the result was considerably reduced. Now, one of the deadliest traps in judging a number of performances lies in the fact (obvious, but generally overlooked by audiences) that the most easily-perceived faults are not necessarily the worst. There are some mistakes that the most casual ear can detect-a sudden falling to pieces of the ensemble, a bit of bad tuning, the unexplained failure of a lead, and so forth. The audience misses none of these blemishes. What it does miss is the type of fault that doesn't sound radically wrong, and which is often the result of bad taste or bad musicianship. Thus the Blackpool audience appears to have been well aware of the general failure of most of the choirs on page 12 of 'The Pampas Grass.' Were they as conscious that many of the choirs spoilt the power-scheme of the song, and its effect as a whole, by singing nearly all the forte passages fortissimo! To the casual ear the effect was not bad: some no doubt found it stirring. An even more serious fault was the misreadirg of the alla marcia direction on page 10. The pace was often so quick as to rule out the marcato effect the composer asks Again, hardly one of the choirs sang the six- and seven-part chords firmly. Sometimes an inner part was missing; more often the harmony was not clear; sometimes the chord was actually wrong, though it no doubt sounded right to all but those who knew the piece well, or were following the copy closely. And no single choir did all that a Blackpool mixed-voice 'A' choir ought to be able to do in the morendo on page 15. Did our critic note how all the choirs stood in regard to these points, and a dozen others, such as blend, tone-quality, diction, pace, phrasing, &c., all of which are as fundamental as the two points he mentions? And did he observe how all the choirs sang the other test, Parry's 'My soul, there is a country': There were matters here not less—sometimes more important than the loss of pitch by one singer, or the bungle of a choir in 'The l'ampas Grass.' We wonder if the writer observed carefully which of the twenty competing choirs managed to avoid the pitfall of scrappiness in their joining-up of the various sections of the Parry song; to what extent the relationship of the two passages in 6-8 time was shown; how many choirs realised that the injunction 'O my soul, awake!' is a kind of parenthesis, and not a fortissimo alarum; what was done in the building up of the final section, and the expansion of the cadence to a final - on the very last word. Only those who listened searchingly to these and other technical and interpretative points in the Parry, in every performance, are in a position to give a judgment. The correspondent's remarks as to the general intelligence of festival audiences are well-founded, but exaggerated. However acute an audience may be, it must not be encouraged to believe that its findings are likely to be so conclusive as those arrived at by the far more intensive method of the judges. And even the fairest of audiences has its local or personal leanings, whereas a judge is usually quite ignorant of the identity of the competitor. If the Blackpool audiences were all that is claimed for them above, it is clear that the official judges are an unnecessary expense. Let the results be decided by a show of hands!

There are only two methods of judging competitive work. The one followed by the correspondent and his fellow-scoffers is fully exposed (in both senses of the word) in his comments. That followed by the official judges may be by break and Armstrong Gibbs's 'Five Eyes.' Ultra by break and Armstrong Gibbs's 'Five Eyes.' Ultra by break and Armstrong Gibbs's 'Five Eyes.' Ultra by break and Armstrong Gibbs's 'Five Eyes.'

fallible (like all human effort), but it reduces the risk a

The preliminary contests in the female 'A' and mine choir 'A' classes took close on seven hours, and it is safet say that only the judges kept their minds on the at full stretch during that time, writing full notes on each performance while it was in progress (not afterwards has memory), comparing the notes from time to time, in ord to be able to set the performance of (say) No. 16 besi that of No. 2, and at the same time jotting down impress of the class as a whole. Even a judgment reached by the arduous methods is liable to err, but at least it is based hard work and honest endeavour. One reached by s slapdash methods as that of our critic is not worth it paper it is printed on. We treat it seriously howeve because, in regard to the mixed-voice class, this is obecause, in the interestrict class, that it is only opportunity we have had of justifying our away. We were given no opportunity of delivering the adjuctation in the preliminary contest. The moment the hehoir had sung, an official voice from the platform had us give the marks at once, minus any comment, as fi We are confident that a general adjudication of pressed. the singing of both tests, and a reading o. the no concerning the individual choirs, would have convinced the hulk of those present that our choice of finalists was sou Nor was there a chance to deal with the matter late When the final stage was over, the hour was so late the the audience was obviously tired, most of the choirs had gone home, and the remainder were becoming concern about their trains. All that could be done was to de hastily with the final stage. As a result, one of the chief educational features of the Festival was misse and the judges given no opportunity for making clear choirs and audience the grounds on which they had based their award. This is no new experience a Blackpool, but so far as our experience goes, it happe nowhere else. It is high time that the Executive bestim itself in this matter. Many handsome things are sa about the wonderful organization at Blackpool, and most them are deserved. An executive, however, may organ until it is black in the face, but it cannot get a quant in a pint pot. As our contributor, "K. C.," points out, it strength of Blackpool—its large entry and wide appeal-likely to prove its weakness. Unless something drastic done, the task of the judges will soon become impossible The Festival movement, like everything that has grow very rapidly, is open to risks. Not the least these dangers is that brought about by a programme so to gested as to make it impossible for judges to do the mo important part of their work-the oral adjudication. The result is to defraud the audiences of a valuable educat feature, and to lay the judges open to ill-informed and ill-natured attacks of the type printed above.

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JERSEY.—An Eisteddfod began on Monday, October 20 and lasted throughout the week. All kinds of music competitions were held, including one for wind instrument in which the competitors could choose their own instrument. The adjudicator had to decide between players at the flute, cornet, and accordion. In the three chief chan competitions (male, female, and mixed voices) the 'May Choir, conducted by Mr. W. Morley Powell, came everything. The Lieut.-Governor attended the final construction of the control of the co

Keighley,—The 'Summerscales' competitions, held fit the twenty-eighth time on October 31 and November 5, were again a choral festival of considerable importance, and produced some keen competitions of a high standard. In the open mixed-voice and male-voice classes there was little to choose between the two best choirs. These were as follows: Mixed-voice: 1st, York Old Priory (Mr. J. H. Forster); 2nd, Bradford Philharmonic (Mr. E. S. Hidd. Male-voice: 1st, Colne Orpheus Glee Union (Mr. Lathet Greenwood); 2nd, Greetland Vocal Union (Mr. I. Shepley). Elementary Schools sang Morley's 'When, Is, by break' and Armstrong Gibbs's 'Five Eyes.' Uter

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ancil School (Mr. F. Linsey), Thornton Council School, Vr. E. G. Ellison), and Drummond Road Girls, Bradford, ore awarded 180, 179, and 178 marks respectively.

LEICESTER. - This two days' Festival (October 9 and 10) making good progress in every way, especially in the matter fnance. During the last six years it has provided £800 is charities. The chief choral awards went to Cheslyn by Male Choir, Swadlincote Ladies, and Swadlincote lee Singers, and the first-named won the Challenge Bowl or the best choral singing of the Festival. Leicester rana and Nottingham Philharmonic were second and rd in the mixed-voice competition.

MEXBOROUGH.-This Festival, held in October for the with time, has a normal two-days' programme and a steady flowing. Kilnhurst Choral Society (female voices), and well (male voices), and Swinton P.M. (mixed) were at he head of the choral competitors, and Barnborough (alliery (Mr. W. Williams) sent the best full orchestra and sing orchestra. Mr. Cameron Hall, tenor soloist, won a

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NOTTINGHAM -The twenty-third Festival at Nottingham october 20, 30, 31) had a record entry-nearly a hundred irrease on that of 1924, and well over a thousand more impetitors. Happily the up-grade was in quality as Various challenge shields were won by well as quantity. Katering Gleemen, Mr. W. Turner's Ladies' Choir, and Priory Place Wesleyan Choir. In the class for gized choirs up to sixty voices the tests were Coleridge-Taylor's 'Dead in the Sierras' and Bantock's 'Jack md Joan, and the result as follows: 1st, Kettering
Mr. S. Roughton); 2nd, William Woolley Choral Society, Nottingham; 3rd, Leicester Oriana (Mr. A. C. Nichols); 4th, Doncaster Choral Union (Mr. S. W. Casey). The work of the schools won high praise from Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, and the choral work was described by Mr. Harvey face as being second to none in his experience in regard to leauty of tone and expressive quality. The singing of the mused choirs, male, female, and mixed voices, on the stunday evening, under the admirable direction of Mr. Charles Riley, was the best of answers to those who contend that massed performances are mere 'scratch' affairs. That the large audience felt otherwise was shown by its inding six massed items too few; it demanded and got in encore from the male-voice choirs, whose singing of Viughan Williams's 'Bushes and Briers' was something one will not easily forget. Mr. Spencer Dyke, Mr. Frederick Dawson, and Mr. T. F. Dunhill judged the solo and chamber-music classes.

PLYMOUTH. - This Festival (October 26-28) is arranged by the Plymouth Centre of the British Music Society, and ill the test-pieces are by British composers. Over fifty contests were held. Choirs came from various parts of Comwall, and there was a notable increase in the entries of thurch choirs.

WALLASEY. - Competitors came to the Wallasey Festival October 7-10) from Liverpool, Bootle, Ansdell, Blackpool, Crewe, Macclesfield, Scunthorpe, Huddersfield, Seven choirs sang Parry's 'There is an Old Belief, James Lyon's 'Marry me, Mary Veen,' and Balfour Gardiner's 'Cargoes' in the chief mixed-voice class. Altrincham P. M. Choir (Mr. J. A. Hill) won the shield for the third time in succession (the fourth time altogether), and returned it to the Festival. The second and third choirs were Douglas Festival Choir (Mr. Noah Moore), and Oldham Choral Union (Mr. H. Hannam). Prize-winners in the solo-singing classes competed for a rose-bowl. Miss Evelyn Bury, of Bolton, the soprano, won the trophy with full marks.

The list of Choral Society programmes for the 1925-26 season in our November issue inadvertently omitted reference to the London Choral Society. We learn that n addition to the Mozart C minor Mass, announced for the first concert, November 25 (too late for notice in this number), the Society will give on February 10 a programme of unaccom-panied music (Bach's 'Be not afraid' and 'Now shall the Grace,' and many modern examples), and on April 21 the first performance of a new work by Bantock, 'Song of Songs.

#### CROYDON TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL

Croydon is privileged in two ways. It has a group of musicians at hand who understand the ways and means and artistic standards of festival performance; and it has a large Parish Church and a large public hall in which performers and audiences can meet in large numbers. Everything has long been ready for a Festival, and a Festival has at length arrived. Crowdon thus rises in the musical scale length arrived. Croydon thus rises in the musical scale, but only triennially.

The Festival opened on Armistice night at the Parish Church. Elgar's 'For the Fallen' was performed as a prologue to 'Elijah.' A good choir and a very good orchestra, led by Mr. W. H. Reed, were conducted by Mr. II. Leslie-Smith. On the following evening the choir sang Coleridge-Taylor's 'Meg Blane' at the Baths Hall, under Mr. H. L. Ballour. The rest of the programme was varied, and the number of festival conductors was brought up to eight. The Borough has reason to be very well satisfied with its first venture, and it may be added that the Borough officials-Mayors, Aldermen, and Councillorswere active in helping it along.

### Music in the Provinces

ALNWICK,—The London String Quartet played at the British Music Society's second concert on November 5, the programme including Waldo Warner's 'Fairy Suite.' It was announced that the number of members and associates had increased by fifty this season.

BANBURY.-The Banbury and District Musical Society having sold fifty fewer serial tickets than last year, the first concert, on October 20, was a rebuke to the deserters, for Mr. Adrian C. Boult brought the Birmingham City Orchestra and played the Beethoven Septet, a Bach Suite for flute and strings, Mozart's G minor Symphony, and Parry's 'Lady Radnor's Suite.' Mr. Harold Samuel is coming to play on December 15, and the Buda-Pesth Quartet later on.

BEDFORD,-The 'Cockaigne' Overture, the 'New World' Symphony, and a Bach Concerto for two violins were played at the Musical Society's concert on November 3. Mr. Herbert J. Colson is hon. conductor.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT,—Owing to the unsafe condition of Birmingham Town Hall, the concerts of the month have been housed chiefly in Central Hall, a building ill-suited to the needs of the usual concert but possessing keen acoustics. Vaughan audience, Williams's 'London' Symphony was heard here at second Symphony concert of the season by the City Orchestra. It occupied the whole of the second half of the programme. If many members of the audience thought it too long, that was probably the fault of the composer, whose ideas do not seem big enough for such lengthy treatment. The fault did not lie with the performance, which was a fine one in every musical way. In the same programme an orchestrated version of an Octet for strings by Mendelssohn was given. Mr. Arthur Catterall played Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, in A, very beautifully, and Mr. Adrian C. Boult conducted.— At one of the Sunday night concerts Franck's Symphony was given. Unfortunately, Mr. Boult missed the note of exaltation which is so essential to a right hearing of the work. Without this, good playing goes for nothing. At a later concert Elgar's 'In the South' was the novelty of the programme. The performance was excellent in every way; especially noteworthy was the beautiful little melody for the viola, Haydn's 'Military' Symphony and Berlioz's Roman Carnival' were also given. Miss Rebe Hillier sang two of Elgar's 'Sea Pictures,' as well as a song by Gordon Bryan called 'Silver Point,'—Dupont's Quintet found its way into the Mid-day concerts, played by the Philharmonic String Quartet, with Miss Mary Abbott at the pianoforte. Dvorak's 'Nigger' Quartet was heard on another occasion, and at a later date Elgar's Quintet was given by the Philharmonic Pianoforte Quartet. To any to whom Elgar's music makes a strong appeal the performance was a joy from beginning to end. The slow movement in particular was beautifully played, -A concert by the

Catterall Quartet, on November 11, proved one of the most enjoyable we have listened to for a long time. The programme consisted of three works by Brahms: Trio The in A minor for clarinet, pianoforte, and 'cello; the Quartet in A minor, Op. 51; and the Quintet for clarinet and strings, in B minor. Miss Beatrice Hewitt was at the strings, in B minor. pianoforte and Mr. Harry Mortimer played the clarinet parts. All the works were beautifully interpreted, especially the last named, in which Mr. Mortimer's clarinet-playing was something to marvel at and to remember,first of two 'Recitals Intimes' was given on November 13, by Mr. Leonard Rayner. His programme included Schumann's 'Faschingsschwank,' Franck's Prelude, Aria, and Finale, and two pieces by Liszt. -- At an 'international celebrity concert on November 30, Heifetz gave a recital. He played Beethoven's 'Kreutzer' Sonata, a Bach Chaconne, and several smaller pieces.——Schumann and Beethoven figured in a programme given by Backhaus on October 20. Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Paganini were also played. — In our report last month of the City Orchestra's first Symphony Concert the programme given, though it purported to be complete, omitted mention of an important novelty—a Suite of six original pieces by Byrd, arranged for orchestra by Gordon Jacob.

BLACKBURN.—Recent musical events include a very successful five-days' choral Festival by Blackburn Schools, arranged by the Education Committee, and the embracing of Tetrazzini by Pachmann on a concert-platform.

BOURNEMOUTH.—The winter Symphony concerts, given by the Municipal Orchestra under Sir Dan Godfrey, opened with Kallinnikov's G minor Symphony and Palmgren's Pianoforte Concerto, 'The River,' played by M. Victor Schioler —Sir Dan Godfrey was lecturer at Miss Julette Folville's harpsichord and pianoforte recital on October 28.—On the following day Mr. Lloyd Powell played Stanford's C minor Pianoforte Concerto.

Bradford.—St. George's Hall has changed hands, and it seems doubtful whether the building will be available for concerts after this season. If the use of it is withheld, the Subscription concerts, the Permanent Orchestra, the Festival Choral Society, and the Old Choral Society will be without a home.—The first-named series opened on October 30, when the Hallé Orchestra, conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty, played Enesco's 'Rumanian Rhapsody,' Dvorák's Symphonic Variations, Turiña's 'Procession du Rocio,' Brahms's 'Academic Festival' Overture, and, with Backhaus, Beethoven's fourth Pianoforte Concerto.—A scheme is on foot for a series of Sunday evening concerts.

BRIGHTON,—Mr. Ernest Grimshaw conducted a Wagner programme at the Regent on Sunday, October 18, with an orchestra of twenty and an organ.—The Brighton and Hove Harmonic Society will shortly be celebrating its centenary.

BURNLEY.— 'King Olaf' was performed on October 25 under the auspices of the Symphony Orchestra and the Choir Committee, the principals being Miss Bella Baillie, Mr. Steuart Wilson, and Mr. Roy Henderson.

CAMBORNE.—The Cornwall Symphony Orchestra, of more than forty string players and twenty others, played at St. George's Hall, Camborne, on Sunday, November I, under the direction of Dr. Charles Rivers. The programme, which lasted well over two hours, included the third 'Leonora' Overture, the 'Scotch' Symphony, and Brahms's Violin Concerto, played by Mr. Harold Fairhurst. The performance was repeated at Truro on the next afternoon.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Cambridgeshire Council of Musical Education has appointed a Village Concerts Committee to send out concert parties from Cambridge to the villages of the county. The parties will include some of the best amateurs from the town, the county, and the University. The Council is also encouraging the formation of choral and orchestral societies. This season at least seven choral and two orchestral societies are being started on their way, and these and the older bodies are expected to take part in the competitive festival. The Council is doing what it can to provide conductors, music, and instruments. A fund for the purpose, to which subscriptions are invited, is administered by the Rev. B. Dennis Jones, Trinity College.

CHESTERFIELD.—The Manchester Wind Quintet player some out-of-the-way music by Pierné (a Pastorale), Pessad Lefevre, Sobeck, and Ludwig Thuillé (a Sextet, win Miss Ethel Cook at the pianoforte) at the first of the Stephenson Subscription concerts on October 6.

EASTBOURNE.-The third Festival of the Municipality Orchestra, held at Devonshire Park Winter Gardens November 13-21, was a credit to Captain II. G. Amers an all who helped him. The orchestra of fifty-five met it heavy duties without much apparent difficulty, and some its performances were of the highest merit. Three of Three of concerts were conducted by Sir Landon Ronald, Sir Hamile Harty, and Sir Henry Wood respectively. The visit composer-conductors, and the works that they directed, we as follows: Sir Edward Elgar ('Polonia,' Sea Pictures and 'Cockaigne'), Eric Coates (a new tone-poem, 'The Selfish Giant, after Oscar Wilde), Gustav Holst (four the 'Planets'), A. Brent-Smith (Symphony in G mino Dame Ethel Smyth ('The Wood-spirits' Song, 'for chorn and orchestra, from 'Der Wald'), Rutland Boughn ('The Cloud,' for female voices), Dr. Malcolm Sarge ('An Impression of a Windy Day'), and W. H. Re ('Æsop's Fables'). Many well-known solo artists took par and everything was done to make the Festival a popular well as an artistic success.—Before the coming of the annual Festival, Capt. H. G. Amers and the Municipal Capt. Orchestra had already given six Symphony concerts. The Symphonies were Tchaikovsky's fifth, Beethoven's sevent Glazounov's sixth, Schubert's C major, Mozart's G miner and Rachmaninov's second. Each programme included Concerto, and something else of particular interest.

EXETER.—The Oratorio Society, conducted by Mallan Allen, opened its season with 'The Creation,' or November 4.

EXMOUTH.—Mr. A. Raymond Wilmot has stated a series of 'Saturday Pops,' and has brought together the 'Exmouth Music-Makers' for the purpose. This title cover the Exmouth Orchestral Society, the Oriana Ladies' Chemand the Exmouth Gleemen.

GUILDFORD. — The second of Mr. Claud Powells orchestral subscription concerts took place on October 28, at the County and Borough Hall. The Symphony was Beethoven's eighth, Miss Ivy Parkin played the Symphonic Variations of Franck, and Mr. Maurice Blower conducte the first performance of his two pieces for small orchesta. 'March Landscape' and 'Bonfire.' At the third conent on November 11, the programme included a Prelude and 'Derrybeg Fair,' by William Alwyn, and Nicholas Gatty's 'Old King Cole' Variations.

HANLEY.—The Stoke-on-Trent Choral Society brought the Léner Quartet to Hanley to take part in a recure concert. Schubert's Posthumous Quartet in D minor and Borodin's No. 2 were the visitors' share. The choir, under Mr. E. C. Redfern, sang Parry's 'There is an Old Belick' Gerrard Williams's 'Whither runneth my sweetheart, and Bach's 'I wrestle and pray.'

HARTLEPOOL.—A Folk-song Suite for strings, by Mr. Arthur J. Bull, was played at the Town Hall. West Hartlepool, at the first concert of the Symphony Orchestra on November 4. Mr. J. F. Chalmers Park conducted.

HASTINGS.—The winter season of orchestral concert opened at the Pier Pavilion on October 31. Mr. Bail Cameron is the musical director, and a small and highly efficient orchestra is at his disposal. The most remarkable feature of the concerts is the price for admission. For the ordinary concerts the most expensive seat costs a shilling but a season-ticket works out at just over a penny per concert. Over four hundred season-tickets have been sold.

HUDDERSFIELD.—The 'New World' Symphony and German's 'Richard III.' Overture were played at the opening concert of the Philharmonic Orchestra, Mr. J. Fletcher Sykes being the conductor.—The A. W. Kare Orchestra gave Beethoven's fifth Symphony, Smetans' 'Vltava,' and the B minor Violin Concerto of Saint-Sains (with Miss Jane Marcus), on October 24.—Bruch's 'Morning Song of Praise,' Morley's 'I follow, lo, the

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Hell.-Four Hull choirs were heard within eight days.

Male-Voice Choir (Mr. Edgar T. Sales) sang a mgramme largely made up of Elgar on October 31; the kal Society (Dr. Coward) gave the whole of 'Hiawatha' ath a good orchestra on November 4; the Ladies' Visical Union (Miss Eleanor Coward) sang Schubert's field in Nature ' and a number of three-part songs on the safe evening: and on November 7 part-songs were given be Musical Union (Mr. Edward Stubbs).

INVICIL.-Four organizations are at work giving music the town: the Orchestral Society, which has been pre-uing a good programme under Mr. E. R. Wilby for formance on November 25; the new Chamber Music city, which brought the Wilson Quartet from London play Haydn, Beethoven, and Schubert at its first ment: the Choral Society, which opened its season h'The Messiah,' under Mr. W. H. Dixon; and the micipal Concerts, which employed the Choral Society nd its conductor on November 4, for a performance of Hawatha's Wedding-Feast.

KEIGHLEV.-The Keighley and District Choral Society s cased to exist, owing to lack of public support.

LEEDS .- The Town Hall was well filled for the Saturday ning concert on October 17, when Mr. Julius Harrison matted the 'Pathetic' Symphony, Debussy's 'L'apres-mid d'un Faune,' the 'Perfect Fool' Ballet Music, the Hinsel and Gretel' Prelude, and a Hungarian Rhapsody.

LEICESTER.—A fine concert opened the Symphony inhestra's season on October 22. Dr. Malcolm Sargent, the has had the orchestra in hand for three seasons, inducted Beethoven's fifth Symphony, Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnole,' and, with M. Cortot playing, chimann's Concerto and Franck's Symphonic Variations, time Ethel Smyth's 'Boatswain's Mate' Overture was me under the composer's personal direction. — With a same orchestra Dr. Sargent conducted a Haydn imphony at a Sunday evening concert on November 1.

LIVERPOOL. -One of the best concerts of the season has en given by the Halle Orchestra, which came to hilbarmonic Itall on October 27. Sir Hamilton Harty moducted the 'King Lear' Overture of Berlioz, Strauss's
Don Juan,' the 'Enigma Variations,' and the Grieg fatoforte Concerto, the solo part being played on the Do-art player-piano from a record made by Miss Myra les. -- Weingartner conducted the Philharmonic concert November. The programme included Brahms's third supphony, the 'Siegfried Idyll,' and Brahms's 'Song of -The season of the Rodewald Concert Society pened on October 19 with a visit by the Brussels Quartet. -A number of recitals have been given by the eminent.

MAIDSTONE. - The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conitted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent, gave Maidstone a splendid motert at the Corn Exchange early in November. mgramme included Beethoven's second Symphony, & Falla's 'El Amor Brujo' Suite, Delius's 'On hearing the first cuckoo in spring,' and Mozart's fifth Violin Concerto in A, with Miss Marie Wilson as soloist.

MALVERN.—Quartets of Elgar, Grieg, and Beethoven p. 132, in A minor) were played by the Brodsky unter at the first concert of the season held by the Malvern Concert Club.

MANCHESTER, -There are several indications that the present winter season will witness the re-establishment of ut musical life on a full pre-war basis-in one respect ndeed, that of municipally-provided orchestral music, on a

to the extent of £1,500, and the concerts already given have been on a more ambitious scale than even a year ago. Whether the primary object of attracting from among the masses those who are unable to afford the prices charged for the regular orchestral concerts run under Hallé or Brand Lane auspices will be realised, can only be proved in this definite try-out of a fine idealistic policy. There is a shrewd commonsense view widely prevalent that folk value more a thing which really costs them something to attain; opposed to this is the view that the finest music, books, and art should be 'on tap,' so to speak, as easily as Thirlmere water for those who desire them. Where is the line to be drawn? Here, at any rate, we seem to stop short of city-aided opera. Even its warmest advocates admit that housing, sanitation, and a host of other expensive post-war schemes claim precedence, and until the essentials of a decent physical life are abundantly provided, with what sincerity can even a musical enthusiast advocate support from rates for what we know to be within the enjoyment only of Which brings us to the heroic comparatively few? endeavour of the B.N.O.C. in drafting a three-weeks' programme of the big grand operas—'Tristan,' 'Meister-singer,' 'Otello,' as well as the 'Ring' dramas without cuts. And the Company had to face the competition of 'Nanette' and 'Rose Marie'-the former ending and the latter and Rose marie—the former ending and the commencing a longish run; houses booked solid for both.

'Tristan' and 'Coq d'Or' both played to not more than respectable houses; 'Meistersinger' distinctly better > the 'Ring' dramas, spread over six evenings, best in 'Rheingold,'

Here clearly was a but still not 'sold out' by a long way. Here clearly was a challenge to the champions of light opera. The B.N.O.C. challenge to the champions of light opera. The B.N.O.C. has made a loss, whilst 'Nanette' and 'Rose Marie' quite good of their class-show a decent margin. This is quite as bailling in its way as was the Covent Garden Syndicate's tabulated list issued a few days ago. sible in the December issue to comment with full knowledge upon the asthetic aspects of a redistribution of dramatic climax brought about by the subdivision of the 'Ring' sequence into six performances. In this country no experience of this has been available so far, although it has in Germany the one thing that can here be authoritatively said about the B.N.O.C. Wagner performances ('Tristan,' Meistersinger,' and, up to now, 'Rheingold' and Acts 1 and 2 of 'Walkire') is that there is not a solitary weak spot in the casts of 'Tristan' and the 'Ring,' and that the revelations of unsuspected resources in the case of Miss Brunskill, Miss Constance Willis, and several younger male singers are positively startling. But more of Until this winter also we have never had this in January. the opportunity, afforded by the Léner group, of hearing all the Beethoven Quartets. Mr. Edward Isaacs, who introduced the Léner players in this Beethoven Quartet Festival, once again revealed that strain of adventurous sanity which has so frequently characterised his work in this city. I am inclined to rank this event alongside Manchester's first experience of the 'Ring' dramas in their entirety years ago, as a definite stage in the journey towards a fuller musical experience. It seems well-nigh incredible that a community that knows its Beethoven Symphonies backwards, so to speak, should have waited until now for the fuller Quartet revelation. The gradual increase in the Léner audiences was a notable feature, and I cannot refrain from suggesting that it was very probably influenced by our gramophone experiences, say with the great C sharp minor, which led people to hear them in the flesh. The visits of this group have lent an added interest to the appearances of the Catterall players, whose have this year forsaken Beethoven, schemes a superb Brahms evening (January 13 next) and including a good half-dozen works representative of contem-porary art. Mr. Leonard Hirsch (another Brodsky pupil) replaces Mr. John Bridge, now preoccupied with the Hallé Orchestra leadership. The Catterall style may be said to have been grafted on the Mozart stock, and both the strength of the shoot and its full efflorescence were strongly evidenced at the opening concert devoted to Mozart. Armstrong Gibbs's E minor Miniaturesque and is much in advance of pre-war standard. The series Dale's Suite for viola and pianoforte were both welcome someted this winter is subsidised from the City rates novelties at the second concert. Thus far we have had no

orchestral music save two municipal concerts and the first three Hallés. Attendance at Blackpool Festival kept me from hearing a great Brahms C minor Symphony reading, more opulent than ever now that the Hallé band is playing a hundred strong. On my return from the U.S.A in November, 1919, I shall never forget the feelings of artistic shame that our fine band should be restricted to about eighty, whilst the Americans luxuriated in a hundred minimum and anything up to a hundred and twenty as need arose. It is good to have the old Richter standard of string balance restored, and to hear the steady, solid tramp of the basses in Bach. But size is not steady, solid tramp of the basses in Bach. all gain, as we felt in the Haffner and Haydn Symphonies, and still more when the players accompanied Suggia in a Haydn Concerto or Cortot in the Schumann Concerto. Probably the nimbleness and lightness of spring will not come from the increased numbers this side of the New Year, but when they have 'bedded down' we should get some playing calculated to raise our rather mild self-esteem.

Although Richter conducted Berlioz's 'Requiem' at Birmingham, and Balling did it at Leeds and (I think) Bradford, strangely enough neither of these conductors during their Manchester reigns ever performed it here, and it has remained for Harty's well-known and widelyrecognised Berlioz enthusiasm to secure the choral, orchestral, and brass-wind co-ordination necessary for its first performance here on a festival scale. In the February Musical Times I wrote of the supremely artistic work now being done by the Besses o' th' Barn Brass Band, under the guidance of that great tuba-player Mr. Harry Barlow, who plays in the Hallé band. The timpani were finely placed, and the separate groups of Besses brass occupied the ends of galleries rising above the orchestra. In a thirty years' experience of Hallé choral concerts, I recall no occasion of a 'first performance' so well conceived and executed. Climatic conditions hardly made for ideally pure intonation; this apart, the choral handling was splendidly secure, and as expressive in the full sense as I ever expect to hear from an English choir singing a Latin text, which appears to be (yet ought not) a permanent disability. The superb technique and tone-production of the Besses o' th' Barn men made the 'Tuba Mirum' climax one of true grandeur, the rolling timpani lending a solemn majesty to the whole; and the choral bass forces being at full strength too, we had the unique experience of massed sonorities which imagination often conjures up but experience rarely realises. Much the same may be written of the majestic achievement in the 'Rex Tremendae,' After these appeals of mass production, after all due to the architectonic strain in Berlioz's make-up, and by no means peculiar to him, we got at the much greater genius of the man in the unaccompanied Querens me' and the succeeding 'Lacrymosa'—these for me constituting the real emotional appeal of the work. Too often in the other sections the amateurishness of Berlioz is greatly in evidence. Those flutes in altissimo and trombones (eight of them) most profound, recurring so frequently in the course of the 'Hostias,' may have been imaginative in conception, but are the direct of failures in result. Again, what conviction is conveyed in the 'Sanctus save that of sugary prettiness-the very negation of all that the text conveys. Or take the beginning of the 'Agnus Dei,' where long-held wood-wind chords dissolve into echochords in the violas-that is a device to be heard at the hands of any organist with chords on Great and Swell, then cutting off the Great. The Mass presents in its acutest form the eternal Berlioz enigma-unparalleled vastness of conception; the vision of a Michel Angelo; sublimity one moment and most trivial commonplace the next. appalling pretentiousness of Glazounov's 'Kremlin' orchestra and brass band, which followed the Berlioz, must be heard to be believed. What would be thought of a young British musician who served up such stuff? If only those gorgeous-toned brass instruments had been utilised in, say, the Valhalla music or Siegfried's Death March, what memories would have been ours!

NEWCASTLE.—The 'Pathetic' Symphony opened the orchestral season. It was played by the Philharmonic Orchestra at the Palace Theatre, Mr. Edgar L. Bainton conducting.—The Glee and Madrigal Society gave its

third concert on October 14, singing part-songs is madrigals, under Mr. J. R. Liddell. — The Bach Chiheld an Orlando Gibbons celebration on November 7. In madrigals, sung under Dr. Whittaker's direction, as 'Fair ladies,' 'Nay, let me weep,' 'I weigh not fortune frown,' and 'How art thou thralled.' Two Fantasias is viols were played by the string orchestra.

NORWICH.—At the first four Municipal concerts a principal works performed were the 'Unfinished' Symphon Holst's first Suite in E flat, Mackenzie's 'Rule, Britami Overture, and Boëllmann's 'Fantaisie Dialoguée' for organd orchestra, in which Mr. Maddern Williams, it conductor-in-chief of the series, played the organ part, is Mr. Edmund Weeks conducted.——A dozen string plays brought together by Mr. Cyril Pearce, recently gave it following programme: two Fantasias in F, by Otlas Gibbons, Bach's fifth 'Brandenburg' Concerto (with pianoforte), a Haydn Symphony in D, arranged for string and three Folk-Dances by Rutland Boughton. Miss Ani Callis sang songs in keeping.

NOTTINGHAM.—Mr. Harold Samuel talked as well played to the Nottingham Music Club on October 22, m gave the audience in all two hours of, and about, Bac—The programme of the opening concert of the Municip Orchestra included Beethoven's eighth Symphony.

OLDHAM.—The Musical Society opened its season will Elijah,' under the direction of Mr. Ernest Craig.

PAINSWICK.—On October 31 Mrs. Gordon Woodho gave a harpsichord recital to the Painswick Music Club,

PETERBOROUGH.—Over three thousand people attends the pianoforte recital given at the Cathedral, on October 2 by Backhaus, in aid of Peterborough Infirmary.

PORTSMOUTH.—Seventeen Free Church chois se singers to form a chorus of four hundred and fifty at the Town Hall on October 20. The conductors were Mr. T.P. Plater and Mr. A. E. Labdon. The music included Elgui 'How calmly the evening' and Shaw's 'Worship.'—The 'Pathetic' Symphony was played by the Royal Marie Orchestra, under Lieut. O'Donnell, at a Municipal cores on October 24.—The sixth year of Major Bullin's chamber concerts opened in the presence of eight hundred people on November 2, when the programme included Hurlstone's Pianoforte Quartet in Eminor.

READING.—The British Women's Symphony Orchest paid a visit to University College on November a Beethoven's second Symphony, the 'Siegfried Idyll,' at Parry's 'Lady Radnor's Suite' were played under Mr. W. Probert Jones. Miss Eveline Fife conducted the 'Hebrides' Overture.

ROCHDALE.—Mr. Fred Leach conducted the 'No World' Symphony at the opening concert of the Phillip monic Orchestra.—The artists for the first of the Rochild Chamber concerts were Miss Jelly d'Aranyi and Miss Mis Hess.—An excellent programme was given by Mr. Georg W. Gaythorpe and an orchestra of twenty-five at Champness Hall on October 31.

ROTHERHAM.—The 'Keltic Suite' of J. H. Foulds at the 'Unfinished' Symphony were played at the Hippodrom on Sunday, November 1, by the orchestra of the Rotherhan Musicians' Union, under Mr. Breakwell.

ST. ALBANS. — Mr. Claud Powell, whose series of orchestral concerts at Guildford has become well-known has arranged a similar series at St. Albans, the first which took place at the Grand Palace Cinema on Octobers. Mr. Powell conducted the 'Pathetic' Symphony and, will Madame Fachiri as soloist, the Mendelssohn Violin Concerts and Dame Ethel Smyth conducted her own Overtures at 'Entente Cordiale' and 'The Wreckers.' There was a udience of a thousand.

SALISBURY.—The Wyndham Choral Society of introduces, with a small orchestra, gave Parry's 'The Piel Piper of Hamelin' and 'Blest Pair of Sirens,' under Miss Ethel Martin's direction, at Victoria Hall, of November 4. The women's voices of the choir contribute part-songs by Armstrong Gibbs, Frank Bridge, and Stanford.

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AFFIELD. -The Five o'Clock concerts arranged by the gs Foxon are to take place on various Wednesdays ig the winter. A selection from 'Hugh the Drover' sgien on November 4, in anticipation of the coming genformance of the opera at Sheffield by the B.N.O.C.
The University Musical Society has arranged four gents to be given by the Yorkshire String Quartet. At hist, on November 6, McEwen's 'Biscay' Quartet was e, Britanni e' for orgi The Sheffield Musical Union opened its Jubilee on on November 12, with Dame Ethel Smyth's Mass, st Pair of Sirens.

> SMCKPORT. - The Vocal Union opened its fifty-third and with an Elgar evening, under Dr. T. Keighley's stim. The choir sang eight part-songs, including a song of mine' and 'The Shower.'

forougy. -At the first Symphony concert of the season, Ernest Goss conducted Beethoven's first Symphony and work by Dr. Harold Rhodes entitled 'Tor and Bre'--Dr. Rhodes is giving six pianoforte recitals at Pavilion during the season.

TENERIDGE WELLS.—The trilogy of 'Hiawatha' was referred by the Tunbridge Wells Choral Society, under francis Foote, on November 4. The band was sed entirely of players from Queen's Hall Orchestra. WALSALL.-With the assistance of the '5IT' Orchestra Birmingham, the Philharmonic Society gave 'Judas rabeus' on October 29, under Mr. Joseph Lewis. Graham Godfrey is now director of the Walsall thate of Music, Mr. Joseph Yates having retired.

YORK.-The city enjoyed an exceptional privilege when Hallé Orchestra came and gave a concert under Hamilton Harty's direction. The works played mided Beethoven's seventh Symphony and Delius's

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#### CENTENARY OF SIR ROBERT STEWART

BORN DECEMBER 16, 1825

h its long roll of chief musicians, Christ Church (Holy hity) Cathedral, Dublin, can boast of such names as in Farmer (madrigalist), Thomas Bateson, Randall satt, Daniel Roseingrave, Richard Woodward, Samuel uphy, Dr. Frank Robinson, and others, but it is doubtful my of her organists gave such long and faithful service as Robert Prescott Stewart. For almost sixty years, as boy nister and organist, he gave of his best to the Church, ninow rests in the Musicians' Corner of the Cathedral in western end of the aisle adjoining the Baptistry, next to odward and Stevenson.

Bin at Dublin, on December 16, 1825, Stewart was a boy rister in Christ Church Cathedral from 1835 to 1841. 1836 he wrote a Service in B flat, and won a third is for an anthem in 1838. He studied under Dr. Frank inson and John Robinson, succeeding the latter, in 4. as organist of the Cathedral, and as organist of ity College Chapel. In 1846 he married Miss Mary Browne, of Sligo, and in the same year became mactor of Dublin University Choral Society. Five us later he accumulated the degrees of Mus. B. and Is D. of Dublin University, and in 1852 was appointed guist and vicar-choral of St. Patrick's Cathedral, still taining his post at Christ Church.

Edween the years 1846 and 1851 he composed many amongs and glees, including 'The Dream' and 'The limakers' Song' (which gained the Nove'lo prizes in 1850 1851), and, in 1852, his Inaugural Ode for the Cork thibition was much admired. His best-known work is, werer, the cantata, 'The Eve of St. John,' produced

Stewart never courted the limelight, and allowed some of his best compositions to lie in obscurity. As a fact, this last emotional, beautiful work for nine solo voices, chorus, As a fact, this and orchestra was not published till 1884. At least four of his charming odes—including an 'Ode to Shakespeare,' composed for the Birmingham Festival of 1870 - have disappeared, as has also his orchestral 'Fantasia on Irish Airs, for the great Peace Festival at Boston, in 1872. Prior to this date he had composed half-a-dozen arrangements for the Dublin Glee and Madrigal Union, including 'The Bells of St. Michael's Tower,' 'The Wine Cup is Circling,' and 'The Cruiskeen Lawn.' A delightful specimen of his work is his arrangement of the Danish Volkslied, 'Fair Daughter of the Sea King' (April 12,

In 1861 Stewart was appointed Professor of Music in the University of Dublin, and in 1872 he was knighted by Earl Spencer. In 1873 he was appointed conductor of the Dublin Philharmonic Society, and in 1875 was prevailed on to accept the conductorship of the Belfast Philharmonic on to accept the conductorship of the Beltast Frintantine Society. In the following year (1876) he edited the Irish 'Church Hymnal,' and in 1888 he composed the 'The Breastplate of St. Patrick'—a sacred cantata for bass solo, quartet, and chorus. His 'Ode for the Tercentenary Festival of Trinity College, Dublin,' performed on July 5, 1892, was, as the late Provost (the Rev. Sir John P. Mahaffy, Mus. D.) assured me, a hasty substitution for Henry Purcell's Centenary Ode (1692), which was originally intended to have been performed, but the score of which could not be obtained at the time. (Two Irishmen, Tate and Purcell, had been asked to collaborate in the Centenary Ode.) His last work was for the 'Church of England Hymnal,' edited by Dr. Mann, in 1894. He passed away on March 24, 1894.

Distinguished, however, as Stewart was in the domain of cantatas, glees, and Church services, he achieved a greater reputation as an organist and extemporiser, and as a lecturer. To his credit must be placed the inclusion of a literary test for musical degrees at Trinity College, an example which was afterwards followed at Cambridge University.

Ireland has not been unmindful of Sir Robert Stewart's great services, for, in addition to a fine portrait by Sir T. A. Jones, in the Royal Irish Academy of Music, there is a noble statue of him on Leinster Lawn, Dublin (unveiled by Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant, in 1898), and in 1896 the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral placed a beautiful memorial brass, with a suitable inscription, in the Musicians' Corner. W. H. GRATTAN FLOOD.

## Musical Motes from Abroad

NEW YORK

The orchestral season was opened by the Philharmonic, which is as it should be, for it is by far the oldest instrumental combination in America and the second oldest in the world. Since Mengelberg became one of its conductors he had previously directed the last half of the season, but this year he has come for the first half, opening with Bach's Suite in B minor, No. 2. At the Stadium concerts given this summer each of the four conductors played Strauss's 'Don Juan, and one played it twice! Perhaps Mengelberg regarded it as a challenge, for this composition took second place on his first It was interesting to the veteran concert-goer to listen to the five interpretations of the tone-poem, and a very pleasant duty to be able to praise them all, the little differences attracting attention but never proving offensive to catholic taste.

There was a time when almost every orchestra opened its season with a Beethoven Symphony, but the fashion has become obsolete, and Brahms seems to have usurped the Mengelberg chose the second, while place of the former. Stokowsky (the Philadelphia Orchestra following the Philharmonic Orchestra in five days) selected the third Symphony. The visiting organization also began with Dublin University Choral Society, on April 12, 1861, Bach, presenting an orchestral transcription of the reproduced by Stanford, at Cambridge, in 1872. chorale prelude 'Wir glauben all' an einen Gott.'

For a novelty Stokowsky played Gustav Holst's 'Japanese Suite, written for the Japanese dancer Michio Ito, who appeared in it at the London Coliseum in 1916. Later it was performed as a concert suite at Hall, and last year the Philadelphia Orchestra played the work at Philadelphia. The themes (almost all of them provided by Michio Ito himself) are Japanese, but the construction of the Suite is not, and it would probably interest us more in ballet form than in concert guise. Following his predecessors faithfully, Ernst Dohnanyi also introduced Brahms on the opening night of the State Symphony series, playing the first Symphony. The critics were much divided on the question of Dohnanyi's merit as a conductor. The orchestra is crude compared with either the Philharmonic or the Philadelphia, and perhaps it was not fair to be too severe on his Brahms, but those who predicted that he would do better in the Schubert in C at his second concert were doomed to disappointment, for the roughness of the players was more than ever in evidence. The great success players was more than ever in evidence. The great success of the evening was that of Lucrezia Bori, and it would be difficult to say which she sang best-her aria from 'The Marriage of Figaro' or 'Depuis le Jour.' She is a delightful artist either in opera or on the concert stage, always giving her audiences immense pleasure. Mozart and Charpentier seem equally well suited to her voice and style.

At the second Philharmonic, Mengelberg brought out Alfredo Casella as pianist and composer, who contributed a suite from the ballet 'La Giara,' and a Partita for piano-forte and orchestra, both labelled 'first time.' The Partita did not give prominence enough to the pianoforte part for us to place the composer as a pianist, and neither composition showed any great originality. If one deplored this at the Philharmonic, one was almost reconciled at the second concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra, when Stokowsky played Casella's orchestral setting of Balakirev's 'Islamey.' Naturally, with his talent for plagiarism, Casella did not confine himself to Balakirev in this most brilliant and effective piece of scoring. It was evidently the intention of the adapter to use the work of other composers, and the effects were so startling that one marvels why Casella tries to compose instead of giving himself complete freedom for his wonderful gift of combining the ideas of others.

At the first concert of the New York Symphony, Damrosch played Saint-Saëns's Symphony in C minor, but the orchestral event of the evening was the production for the first time at New York of Charles Martin Loefller's 'Memories of my Childhood.' When a boy, Loefller spent more than three years of his life in a Russian village, and he tries to express in the music the memory of those happy days. Russian peasant songs, fairy-tales, and dance-songs follow the opening, suggesting a quiet village and the sound of distant bells. Towards the end the Volga boat song is heard, and again the clanging of the bells, which dies away into silence. It is very beautiful music, and may be slightly reminiscent of Moussorgsky, but never of Stravinsky. Lawrence Tibbett, the young Californian baritone who made such a pronounced success at the Metropolitan last winter, followed the Loeiller work in a group of Moussorgsky's songs. The programme was repeated a few days afterwards at the opening of the new Mecca Auditorium. Damrosch at his third concert played Brahms's fourth Symphony, thus completing the cycle of the Symphonies in two weeks.

The usual flood of recitals is already engulfing ustwo most worthy of mention being those of Florence Easton and Elizabeth Rethberg. We are indeed fortunate to have

these two singers with us year after year.

The Metropolitan Opera House opened its doors with 'La Giaconda.' An old opera is always chosen for the first night, and if there is any system in the idea it seems to me that of giving the various prominent singers their turn. This was the first time Rosa Ponselle opened the house. The first week also gave us a performance of 'Pelléas and Mélisande,' so exquisitely produced in the latter part of last season, and at the first matinée Lawrence Tibbett scored another success in Ravel's 'L'Heure Espagnole.'

Old Steinway Hall is no more. The auditorium where Dickens read, Patti sang, and Rubinstein played, was long ago turned into warerooms, but now the building is abandoned and a very beautiful new one has been erected in There has been an immense reception where Schumann), and 'Lament of Isis' (Bantock).

every person prominent in the musical life of New York was present, and three dedicatory concerts in the small hall where the most prominent resident professionals performed. It is luxurious also everywhere in every detail, as a 20th-centum building should be, but will the names and achievements associated with the old 'Steinways' of the 'lifties, 'sixties, and 'seventies ever be rivalled? M. H. FLINT.

#### TORONTO

It speaks well for choral music at Toronto that the two most famous organizations of their kind in Canada (some even whisper on the Continent) introduce and how out the I allude, of course, to the Canadian musical season. National Exhibition chorus, of some seventeen hundred voices, which gives four concerts in the early autumn, and the Mendelssohn Choir, nearly four hundred strong, whose Festival usually falls in March, when most of the outstanding

musical events are over.

This year about forty thousand people attended the performances of the larger chorus in the Coliseum, Dr. H. A Fricker had prepared a more pretentious programme than ever, and the vast audiences were treated to chorn singing on a scale unfamiliar to most present. As one critipointed out, the scheme was 'eminently suited in magnitude alone to represent our vast Dominion." The works chosen speak for themselves, and the glowing tributes of the pres attested to the maintenance of a standard befitting a cir which considers its Mendelssohn Choir the most valuable of The programme was arranged as follows: its artistic assets. Chorales, 'Break forth, O beauteous, heaven!y light' (from the 'Christmas Oratorio'), 'In the Word of God enduring (Bach); 'An Eriskay love lilt' (Roberton); Lullaby and Dance from the 'Bavarian Highlands' (Elgar); 'The Song of Victory' (Purcell); 'An Indian Lullaby' (Vogt); 'Old King Cole' (Forsyth); 'The long day closes' !Sullivan]; 'Billy Boy' (arr. by Terry); 'John Peel' (arr. by Andrews); 'He gave them hailstones' (Handel); selections from Gilbert and Sullivan operas: Policeman's Chorus, 'Straggardenture,' 'I have a song to sing, O,' 'A Cachucha,' Gil's chorus from 'The Gondoliers,' 'Three little mails,' 'Brightly dawns our wedding-day,' 'For he's gone and married Yum-yum,' The evening closed with 'Hall, Canada! Dominion of the North' (Murray) and 'Rule, Britannia!' The choir was accompanied by the Queen's Own Band, under Capt. R. B. Hayward.

Strange to relate, the first Massey Hall attraction proved to be the immortal Sousa, who, if he did not have much to offer the educated palate, certainly set a standard for punity of tone and balance of ensemble which, as far as experience goes, is unrivalled. Technically and tonally his huge band

is without a flaw.

New York's first offering here was four Metropolitan Opera 'stars'—Frances Alda (soprano), Carolina Lazzan (contralto), Rafael Diaz (tenor), and Giovanni Martino (bas). Of course, operatic selections were in order, the most entertaining being a condensed version of Flotow's 'Martha, given in costume. Jeritza, the great Viennese prima-donna. followed a week or so later in recital, but here, as also in the previous concert, one felt that operatic artists have not the same appeal on the concert-platform as on the stage, their art being definitely of the opera house. scenic effects, the glamour of costume, and orchestra, they have neither tonal purity nor style for song interpretation

Since Jeritza's appearance our own Symphony Orchests has embarked upon its fourth season, and, judging by the size of the audiences at the first two concerts, the year should be an auspicious one in the annals of the organization. Toronto has had little orchestral education, and does not yet realise the value of the finest symphonic music. Luigi von Kunits is a persevering man who has the loyal support of energetic colleagues, and business at last seems to The two programmes, which had much to be improving. commend them both in regard to performance and selection, contained Elgar's 'In the South' Overture, Goldmark's Sakuntala', Beethoven's fourth Symphony, Macabre' (Saint-Saens), the Tchaikovsky B flat Pianoforte Concerto, tastefully played by Ernest Seits, and a group of soprano numbers by Madame Dusseau—'Recit. et air de Lia,' from Debussy's 'L'Enfant Prodigue,' 'Widmun' anadian ew presi Albert H umber o iven by tates. ussewitz As a rival nductor

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Danse noforte oup of air de muste One other event of interest was the Convention of the Canadian Guild of Organists, held here in October. The sw president for the year is Dr. H. A. Fricker, and Dr. albert Ham has been honoured with life-membership. A sumber of well-planned meetings were held, recitals being pien by prominent organists from Canada and the United States. Next month I shall be able to give some idea of Kassewitzky's work with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is a rival to the great Stokowsky, the famous contra-bass-ordactor is just now attracting much attention.

H. C. F.

#### VIENNA

#### THE IOHANN STRAUSS FESTIVAL

The outstanding event of the new season so far has been the celebration of the Johann Strauss centenary, which estended over a period of several weeks and culminated various festivities on the jubilee day, October 25. Vasical organizations, musicians, and government authories vied in an effort to honour the memory of him who has nally come to be regarded not merely as a popular composer, but as a classic of a species of music which, though narrow aits realm, is infinite in its appeal alike to the musically ultured and to the broad masses. The latter, of course, are always been strongly for Strauss, even at a time when the professional critics still considered him untalented, and me professional critics still considered in in untainented, and shen a man of Eduard Hanslick's position sneeringly alluded wone of his waltzes as a 'Waltz Requiem,' and objected to the composer's 'heavy Lisztian chords,' 'Wagnerism,' and 'false pathos.' In the memory of the people, Strauss lives 82 composer of innumerable beautiful waltzes and of two lassic operettas, 'Der Zigeunerbaron' and 'Die Fledermaus' -the latter, by the way, was a dismal failure at its Vienna memière. The popularity of his waltzes proved an obstacle bis operetta aspirations, and later his established fame as a operetta writer injured the realisation of his highest aim, ia, to be recognised as a composer of grand opera. Strauss's me example, 'Knight Pazman,' was a failure at the Vienna Opera, and a sore disappointment to his own hopes.

The over-zealousness with which all concerned strove to to honour to Strauss's memory on his centenary day was awhaps subconsciously inspired by a desire to atone for old missions. At any rate, no stone was left unturned to make the occasion a memorable event. Strauss concerts ruled in sery concert-hall, and Strauss operettas in every Vienna theatre. The most notable of the concerts was that given by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, under Felix weingartner, and at which both conductor and orchestra supassed themselves in brilliance and enthusiasm. The Philharmonic Orchestra had previously paid homage to strauss at one of its subscription concerts with a unique performance of the Beautiful Blue Danube'—the same Waltz which was a sad failure at its first performance and which meanwhile has become a true national hymn of astria. To see it incorporated in a programme of the instocratic Philharmonic would probably have been beyond the wildest hopes of its modest composer; and still more might be have marvelled at Weingartner's surprisingly lyrical, indeed rather melancholy, reading of the first part, and at the brilliant contrast aflorded by his brisk tempt in the second part.

An interesting programme of rarely-heard Straussian music tas offered at one of the Workers' Symphony concerts, ander the direction of Felix Greissle (son-in-law of Arnold Schönberg), who made his public débût on this occasion. The programme comprised the hitherto unknown waltz, Fairy-tales from the Orient' (the Op. 444 of its prolification); which arrested by its exotic colouring and interesting shadings of tempo and dynamics; the ballet from Knight Pazman,' beautifully danced by the Hellerau School, which has recently made its home at the ex-Imperial Carle of Laxenburg, near Vienna; and the burlesque polka, Liguorian Sigh,' Strauss's merry contribution to the 1848 Revolution and vetoed by the contemporary Austrian Government for political reasons, although the harmless and amusing character of the piece hardly seems to justify any aniety. A rarity in the festival scheme was the performance at a local Church of one of Strauss's earliest compositions, a Graduale for four vocal parts and eight wind instruments.

This youthful effort dates from his studies with Josef Drechsler, a then popular sacred composer, and betrays its author's talent through a deft treatment of the voice and some good melodic writing. It is, however, remarkable less on account of its musical merit than for the piquant spectacle that it affords of the Waltz King as a Church composer.

At the Theater an der Wien the event was commemorated with a production of 'Der Zigeunerbaron,' which simultaneously marked the fortieth anniversary of the day on which this opera was first produced, at the some theatre, on the occasion of Strauss's sixtieth birthday. Carl Streitmann, the veteran singer who then created the rôle, was again present to sing it at the jubilee performance. The Staatsoper fell back on one of its familiar and excellent performances of 'Die Fledermaus.'

One of the most interesting features of the festival was the Strauss Exhibition arranged by the Community of Vienna, and containing a wealth of manuscripts, paintings, photographs, and sculptures. Particular historical interest attached to the libretto of Strauss's maiden opera, 'The Merry Wives of Vienna,' which has never seen the footlights, and the score of which is lost. An object such as probably never before graced a musical exposition was one of Strauss's handkerchiefs covered with manuscript notes, such as the composer used to dash on cuffs, nightshirts, and even pillows, during sleepless nights when his supply of manuscript paper had failed him.

#### OPERATIC EVENTS

The Staatsoper has produced one novelty so far in Moussorgsky's 'Boris Godounov,' splendidly directed by Franz Schalk. This belated but elaborately prepared première was notable chiefly for its unique scenic environment, by Emil Pirchan, an Austrian artist who has made his reputation in Germany. For once the obvious and obsolete methods of stage naturalism and materialism so long customary at the Staatsoper were relegated, and replaced by modern ideas. Pirchan, like every alert stage-designer, works with light and colours rather than with cloth and wood. The results are at once economical and stimulating. The coronation scene was an example of what could be achieved in this direction. A predilection for staircases, an inheritance from the Russians and a holbly of young German stage-designers, was forcibly in evidence and not always well applied. The staging and costuming were beautiful, and the stage management of Hans Esdras Mutzenbecher, though it did not exhaust all possibilities in the grouping and motions of the chorus, was very satisfactory. Dr. Emil Schipper was vocally excellent as Boris, but histrionically conventional, and Richard Schubert as Dimitri looked and acted more impressively than he sang. Claire Born was colourless as Marina; but Norbert as Varlaam, and Manowarda as Ranzoni, were remarkable, and Mayr wonderful as ever in the rôle of Pimen.

What excellent results can still be achieved with the forces of the Staatsoper (however disorganized by the ruinous five-years' régime of Richard Strauss, the deplorable results of which director Franz Schalk is manfully struggling to redeem) was shown in a production of 'Aida,' under Felix Weingartner as guest-conductor. Orchestrally at least the performance was one of the most brilliant ever heard here, and a great improvement over Mascagni's arbitrary tempi. The Staatsoper has now at last adopted a new policy by materially reducing the prices of admission, a measure which it is hoped will react favourably upon the waning attendances. A reduction of the star salaries is also planned, but is confronted with difficulties. The Volksoper has once more been closed for a period of several weeks, following the collapse of the Gruder Guntram directorship, which failed from the manager's policy of relying upon often unsuccessful star guests amid an otherwise mediocre ensemble. Under the circumstances even a great conductor like Leo Blech could not save the undertaking from collapse. The personnel of the house is now playing on its own responsibility, on a sharing basis, and is doing well. It is hoped soon to find a new manager capable of making the Volksoper what it should be, a theatre for the

ORCHESTRAL AND CHAMBER MUSIC

The first two programmes of the Philharmonic Orchestra, under its permanent conductor, Felix Weingartner, indicated that the practice of this organization will remain unchanged during the current season. Neither Weingartner nor his men are given to experiments. They see their mission not so much in pioneer work for contemporary music as in the cultivation of and faithful adherence to classical ideals. Weingartner's catholic and plastic readings of Beethoven's second and Brahms's third Symphonies, and especially of Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique'—a piece particularly dear to his heart—were as fine as ever. A first performance, at least locally, was that of Handel's Concerto for two groups of wind instruments and stringed orchestra, in an arrangement by Kogel, which is, in fact, a composite of two Handel Concertos. D'Albert's 'Cinderella' Suite, given as a novelty, proved a pleasing series of five smaller pieces written for the composer's children, and inspired, it is said, by Ravel's 'Ma mère l'oye.' The last-named, however, far surpasses the d'Albert effort in originality and refinement.

A classic programme also served to introduce the Buxbaum Quartet in its reorganized form, with M. van den Berg as its new first violinist. The Quartet is rightly named after its 'cellist, Friedrich Buxbaum, whose art, proven in his long connection with the Rosé Quartet, entitles him to the status of a real leader in the ensemble. The standard set by the Rosé organization is, of course, so far unrivalled here, especially as regards the performance of classical chamber works. In their first concert of the season, these players blazed the trail for a new composer, Gustav Hawranek, like the Rosé group, a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra, and one who has listened with profit to the music of Wagner and Strauss, Puccini and Massenet. The popular elements of his music, inspired by such examples, evoked tremendous enthusiasm at the première of his Quartet. This is rather long and loquacious, and is hardly redeemed by a brisk and original Scherzo somewhat arbitrarily supplied with a perfumed and obvious Trio.

In the recital field the most significant event was the attitude of at least a portion of the public towards Vaša Prihoda, the Czech violinist, who has stepped into the virtuoso shoes of Jan Kubelik, and fascinated Vienna for three seasons past with a cold display of violinistic pyrotechnics. His return this season was the signal for a more reserved and discriminating attitude towards his largely superficial artistry. It is gratifying to note that as the wizardry of a Prihoda begins to miss its mark, the supreme and noble art of Josef Szigeti, the eminent Hungarian violinist, is impressing itself more deeply upon the consciousness of the public. There is no artist before the consciousness of the public. our public to-day more opposed to tricks and more bent upon the purely artistic side of his work. Szigeti was equally great in Brahms's Violin Concerto and in the Concerto by Serge Prokofiev, heard here for the first time. Prokofiev's work is, perhaps, the ideal conception of a modern Violin Concerto-grateful for the instrument, and at the same time drawing upon all the resources of the artist; effective without concessions; rich in invention and splendidly orchestrated. A young violinist from America, Franz Hone, could not justly be measured with the standards of a master like Szigeti. His tone is small, but of beautiful quality, and his youth augurs well for his future achievements. Leff Pouishnov, the Russian pianist from London, made his Vienna débût with three formidable programmes in which vehicles for his splendid technical equipment held the balance with mediums for more spiritual utterance. Roland Hayes, the negro tenor, awakened boundless enthusiasm with his finished and deeply-moving interpretations of American 'Negro Spirituals'; but his singing of Schubert, and especially of Wolf, does not conform to German standards. The beauty of his piano effects induces him to emphasise solely the lyrical side of his lieder to an extent which creates monotony, and what remains is mere admiration for the singer's linguistic feat. A new-comer to Vienna was Eva Gauthier, whose programme was a welcome departure from the routine-worn Schubert-Brahms-Wolf-Strauss scheme. She was perfect in style in her Bach and old Italian and English numbers, and piquant and stimulating in some modern English pieces. PAUL BECHERT.

[We regret that the remainder of the foreign news arrived too late for insertion in this issue.—EDITOR.]

#### Obituary

We regret to record the following deaths:

AGNES ZIMMERMANN, in London, on November 14, aged seventy-eight. She was born at Cologne, and came to England at an early age, commencing her studies at the Royal Academy of Music under Charles Steggal and Cipriani Potter. She remained at the Academy for seven years, holding a King's Scholarship, and made her first appearance at the Crystal Palace in 1863, a tour in Germany in the following year setting the seal on her success. Though an admirable composer of pianoforte and chamber music, Miss Zimmermann is best remembered as an unusually fine pianist of the classical type. Her last public appearance in London took place in 1913.

J. W. NICHOLL, on October 27, in the seventy-fourh year of his age. Musical circles at Belfast are the poore by his death. Though a chemist by profession, he had been organist of St. Anne's Parish Church and Belfast Cathedral, from 1874 to 1904, performing the duties most satisfactorily for thirty years. He was a member of the Cathedral Board, and was unsparing in his loyalty to the

CHARLES DAVENPORT, a well-known organist, pianist, and teacher at Glasgow. Organist and choirmaster for may years at Maxwell Parish Church, and later at Hyndland Parish Church, he had latterly devoted himself exclusively to the pianoforte, and made occasional public appearances as a solo executant. He published some pianoforte pieces of a light type.

### Answers to Correspondents

Questions must be of general musical interest. They must be stated simply and briefly, and if several are sent, such must be written on a separate slip. We cannot undertake to reply by post.

L. E. W.—We know of no book that gives a set of rules suitable for a parish church choir. But local needs vary so much that we should not recommend the adoption en bloc of any such set. Our advice is: make your own rules; set that they be few and simple, and cut out any that cannot be enforced without injustice or undue rigour. The last point is important, because a rule that has to be relaxed very frequently will soon prove fatal to the whole code. Above all, take care to include no rule that cannot be as stringently applied to the soloists as to the rank and file. For example, a rule that no boy will be allowed to sing at a service unless he has attended a certain proportion of practices, or is in the vestry ten minutes before the service, is likely to lead to trouble the first time it is broken by a solo boy or any prominent leader. Such matters should be made subjects for recommendations rather than for hard and fast rules. The choirmaster can then tighten or relax at discretion, without the appearance of injustice that is fatal to good feeling and discipline. If a few parish church organists who have sets of rules will send them along, with notes on their efficacy, we will discuss the matter in an article. important, because parish church choir work, concerned as it is with volunteers, and making considerable demands on the boys' spare time, calls for a type of discipline very different from that of schools, or of cathedral choirs. Moreover, since the war, the usual difficulties of voluntary choirs, especially as regards the boys, have been accentuated. A discussion of disciplinary methods would be valuable, and we therefore invite the co-operation of choirmasters among our readers.

O. H.—(I.) Church music for S.A.B. is scarce. The Novello Catalogue contains some, but we cannot pick out and make a list. Write to Novello's, explaining your exact requirements—length, degree of difficulty, solo voices (if Candid
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A.C. J.—We think you are unduly concerned about the said question and the tritone. The edition of the lissa de Angelis' you mention, in which the signature is see sharps, the G being naturalized every time, is strictly suct, as the work is in the fifth mode, transposed. Where mgo astray is in thinking of the transposition as being to instead of to D. Hence your feeling that, logically, the saltought to be the key of A with a D#. Instead, it is D, that G sharp (/c), instead of G# (/a) in the signature, the /e signature of the si

F. B. R.—The following are some text-books suitable in the L. R.A. M. elocution Teacher's Diploma: 'Higher Iglish', Campbell (Blackie); 'Pronunciation for Singers,' lis (Curwen); 'The Art of Singing,' William Shakespeare Italel; 'Voice-Production in Singing and Speaking,' leley Mills (Curwen); 'The Art of Versification,' R. F. here (Grant, Edinburgh); 'Modern English Metre,' sph B. Mayor (Cambridge University Press): 'The Inhique of Speech,' Dora Duty Jones (Harper). We my of no periodical dealing with elocution.

East Coast.—You want to 'bring a lyric to the notice it composer of merit,' and ask how to set about it. We meanswered this question several times already, and shall mu apply the closure. Obviously, you can do no more to send a copy to such composers as take your fancy. As mens of other poets are also bombarding the same commers, you must not be over-sanguine. Another way: send along to the likeliest of the song-publishing firms. If it is possibilities, they will probably place it to advantage.

W. A. G.—The Historical Edition of 'Hymns A. & M.' is whished by Wm. Clowes, and the cost is 125. 6d. You was also find material for your lecture in Lightwood's 'Hmms and their Writers' (Epworth Press), and Curwen's Suries in Worship Music' (Curwen). The latter is, we like, out of print, but you may be able to borrow a copy. It is fall of interesting stuff.

F.P.—You asked the question about the Irish harp some ago, and we answered it fully in the October number.

I. G.—Davidson Palmer's 'Manual of Voice-Training'

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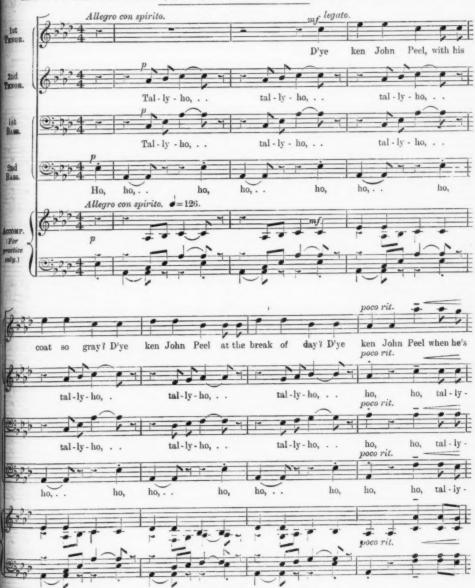
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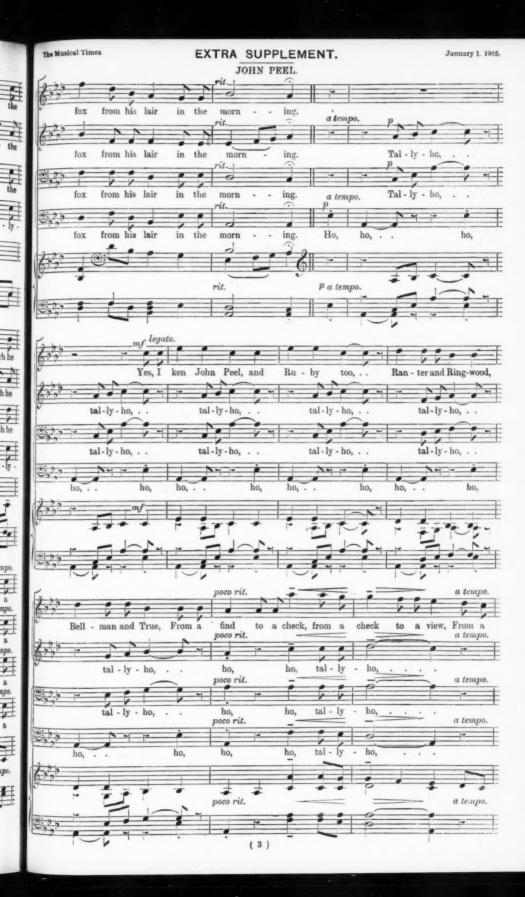
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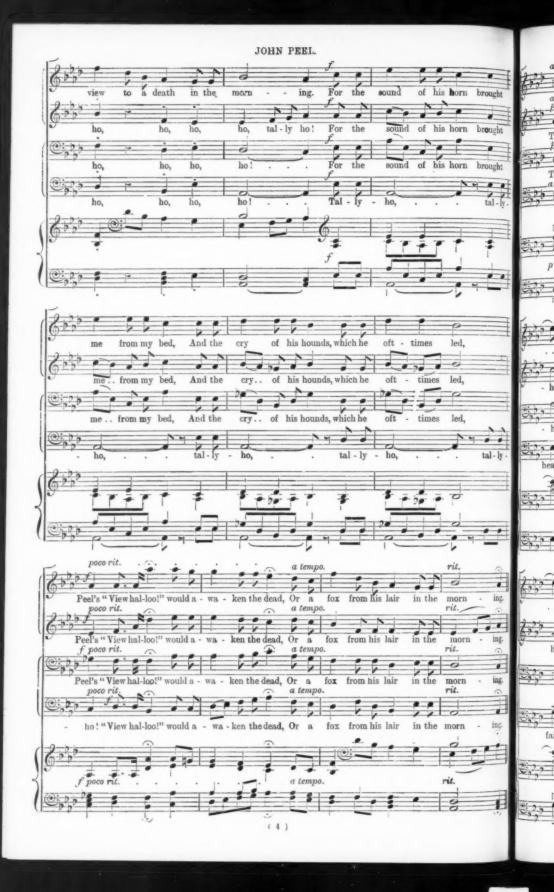


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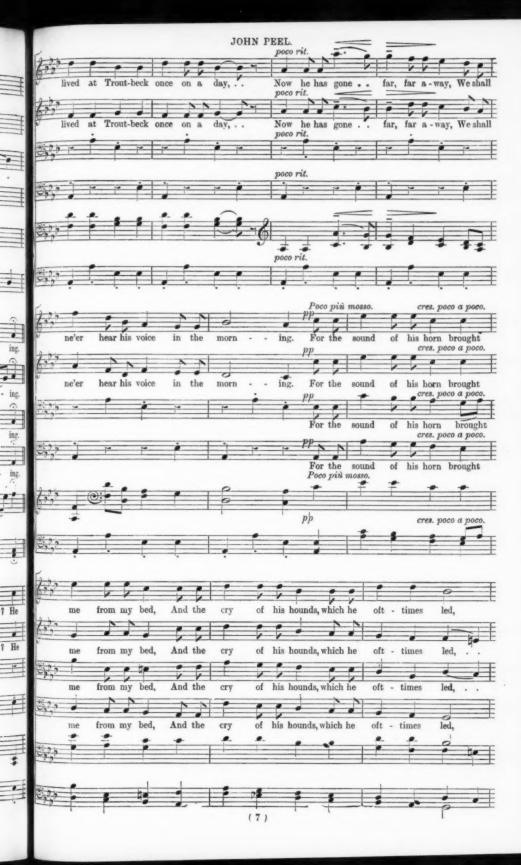














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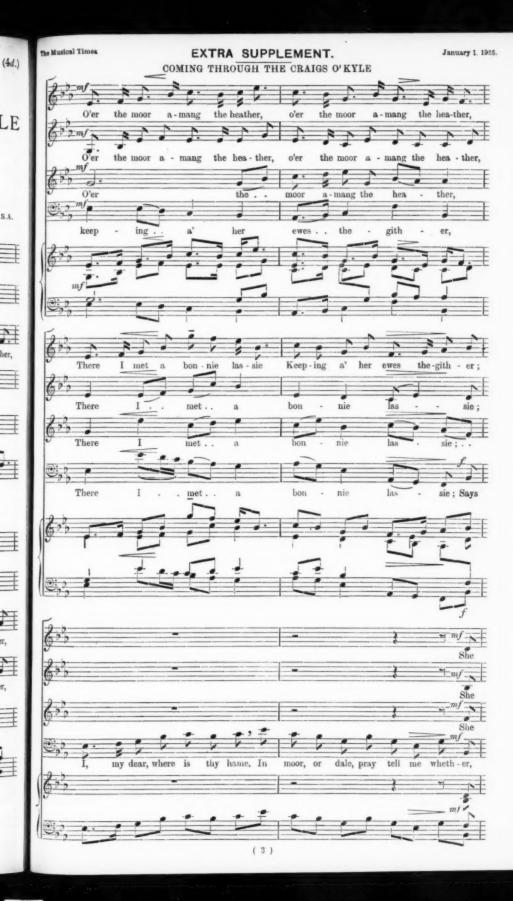
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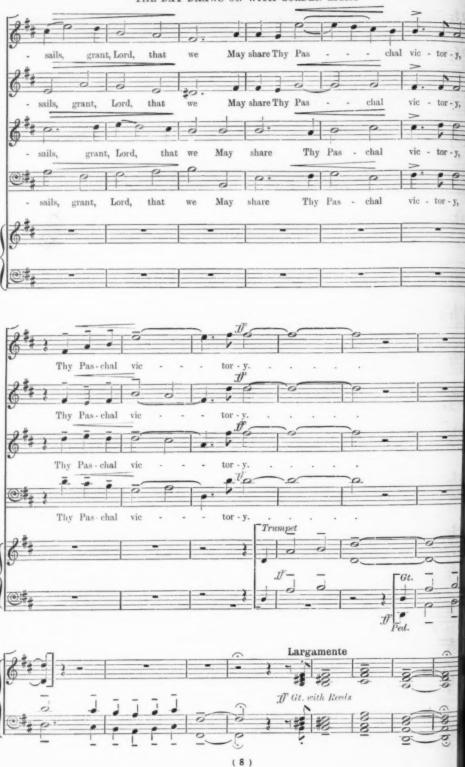
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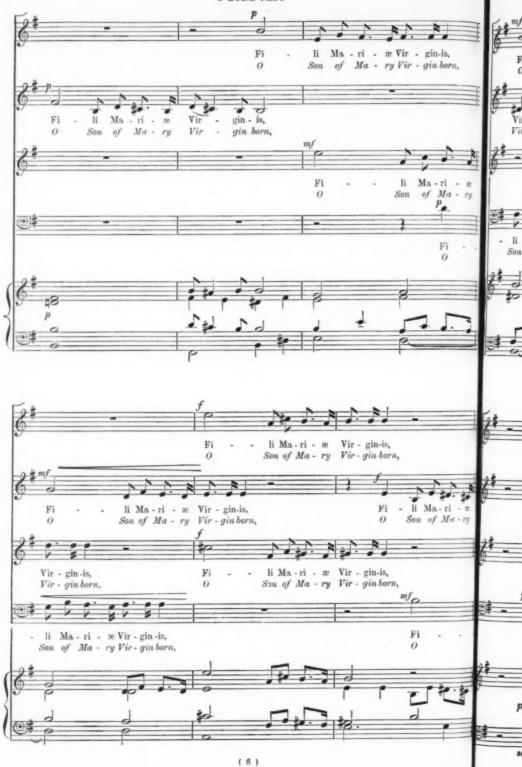
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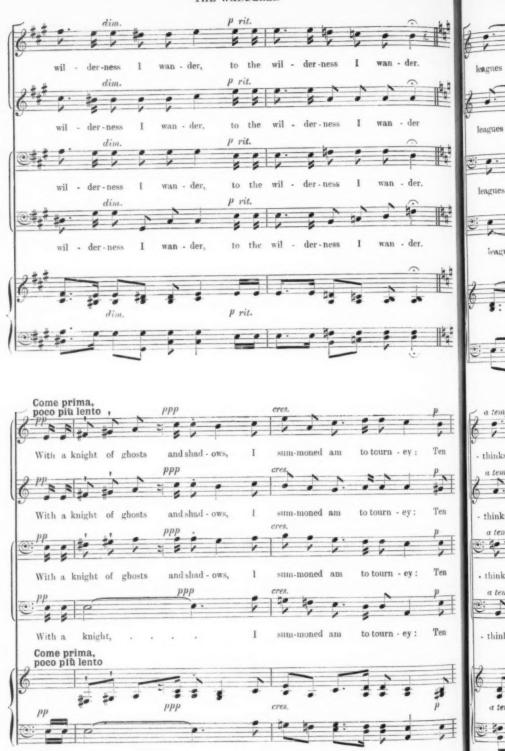
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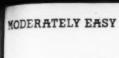
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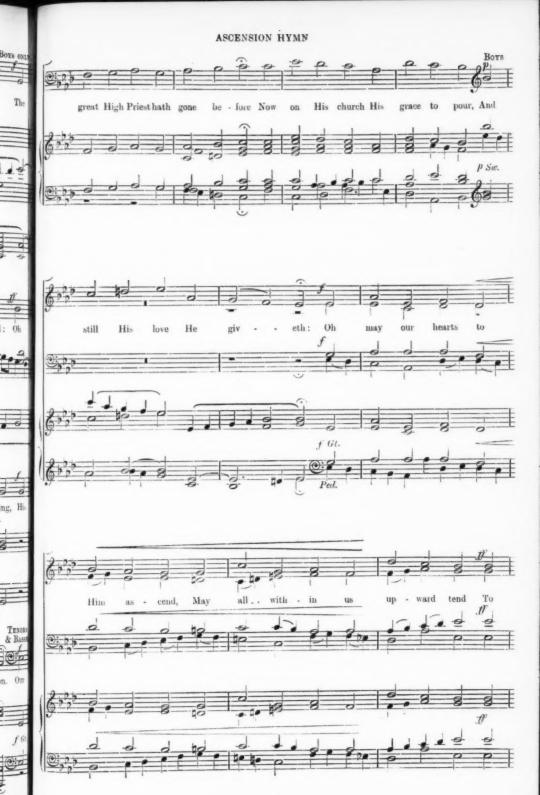
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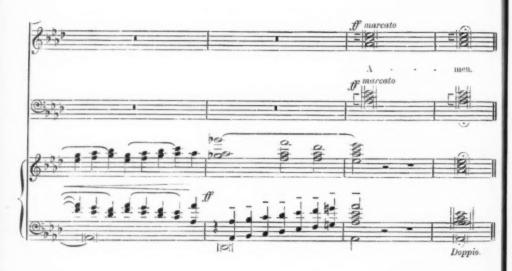
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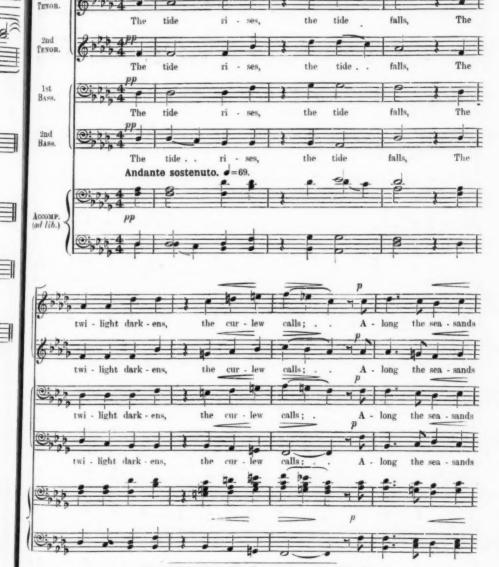
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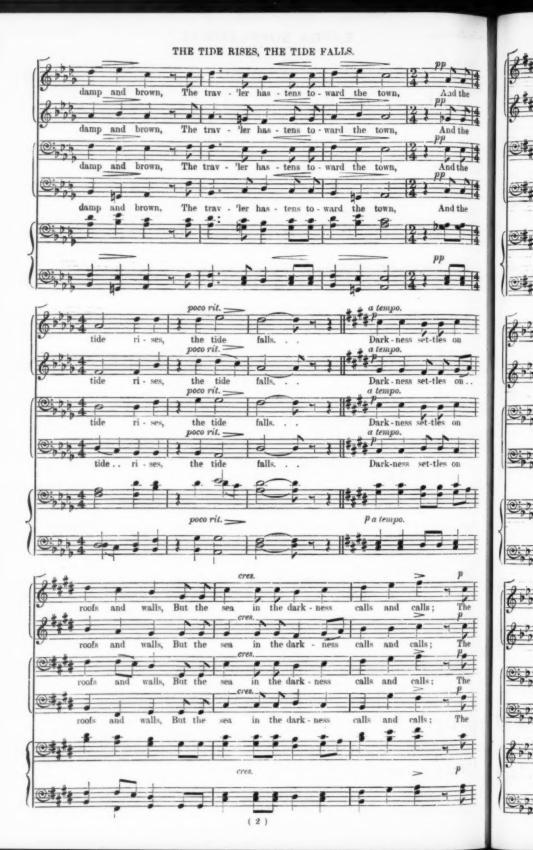
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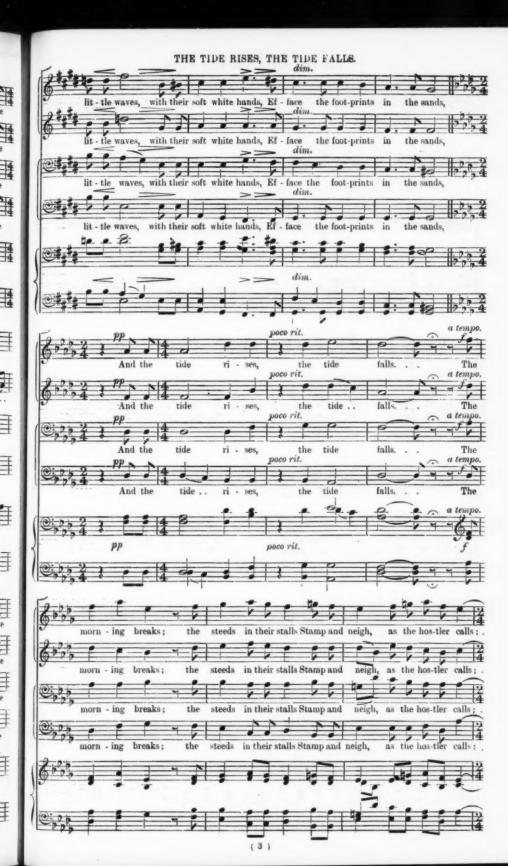


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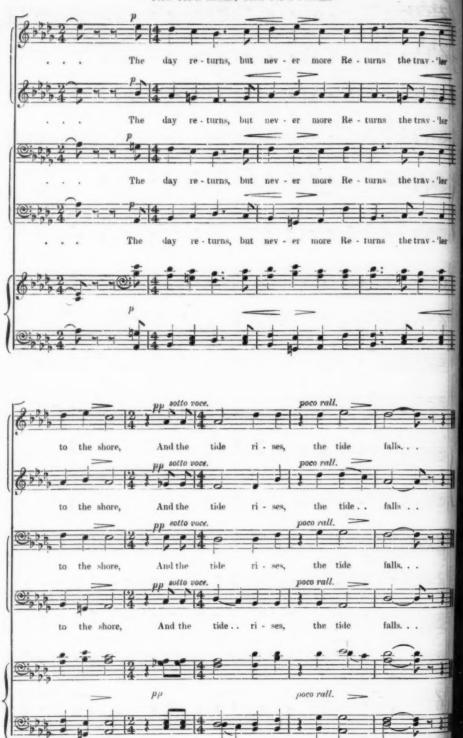
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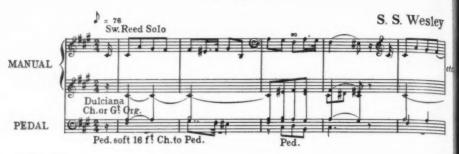
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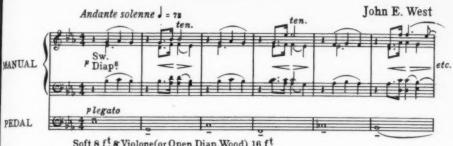
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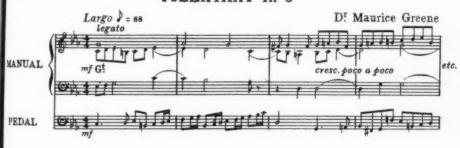
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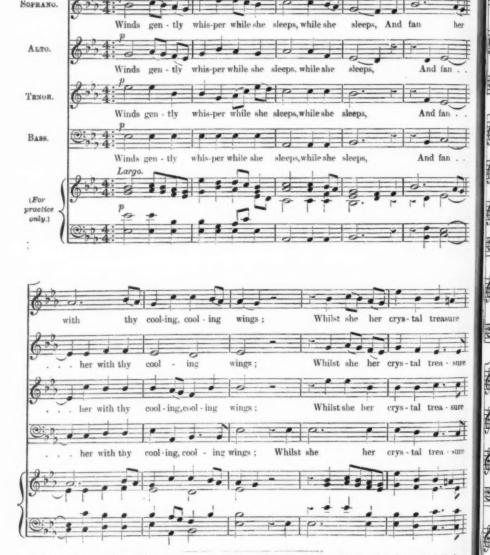
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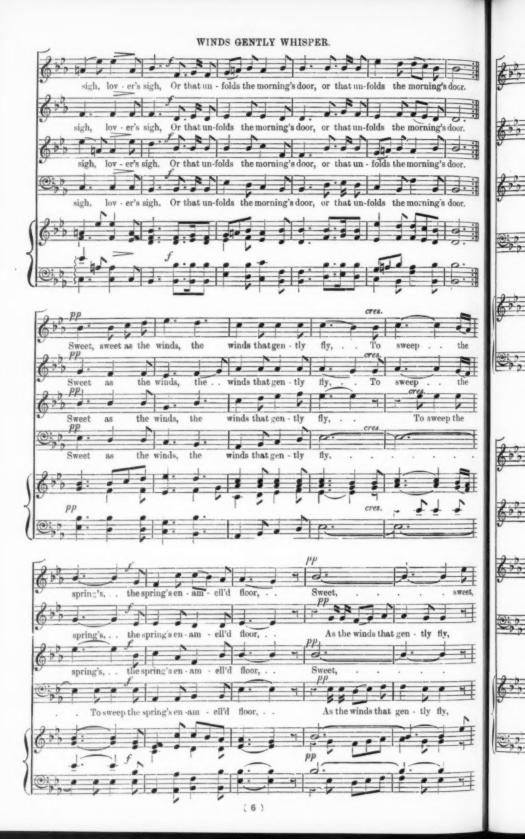
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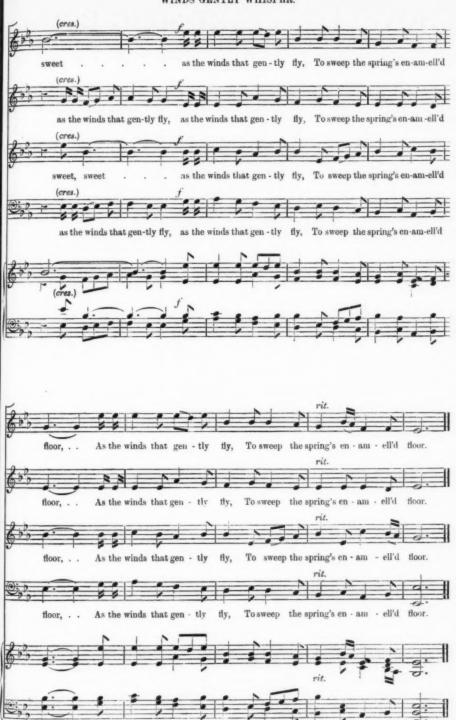
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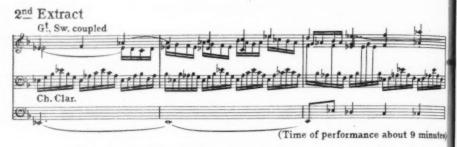
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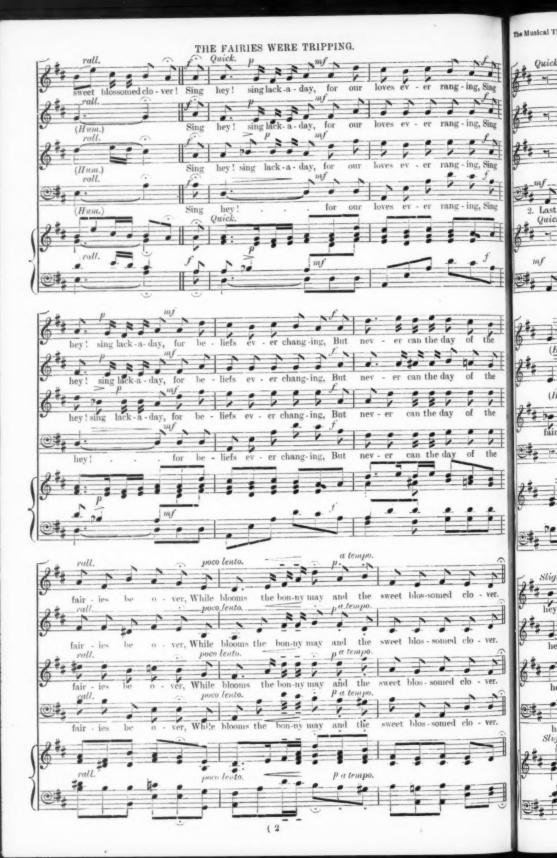
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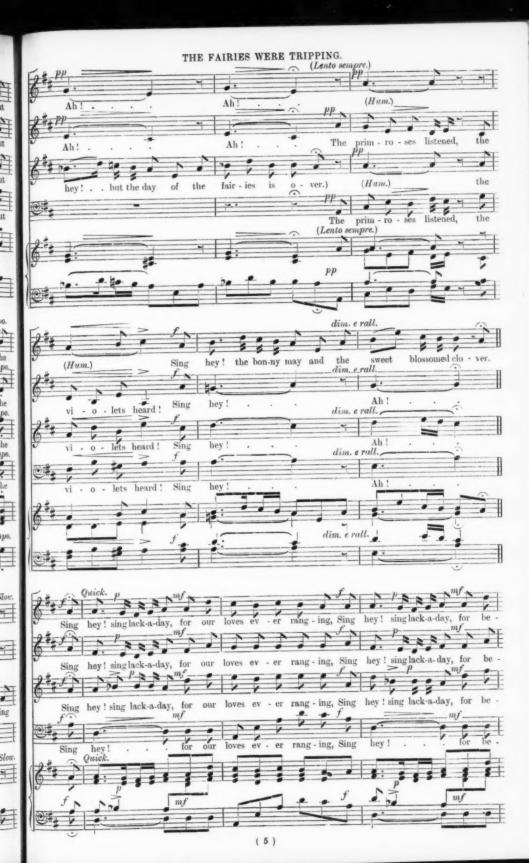
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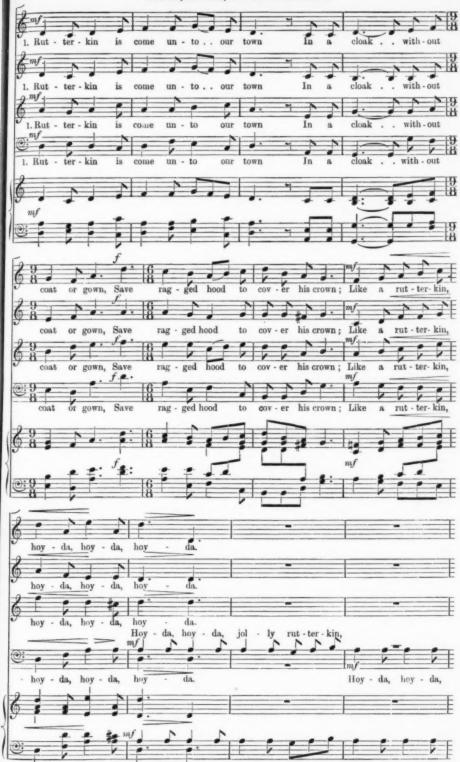
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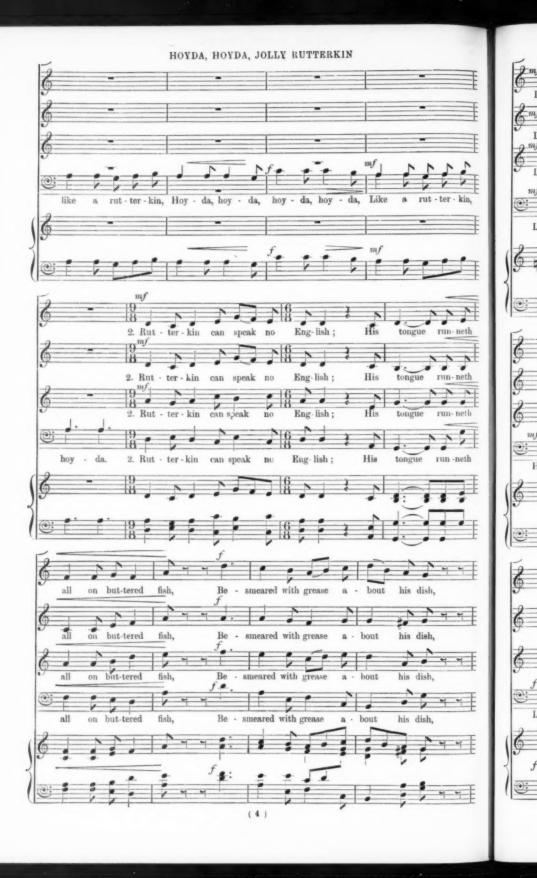
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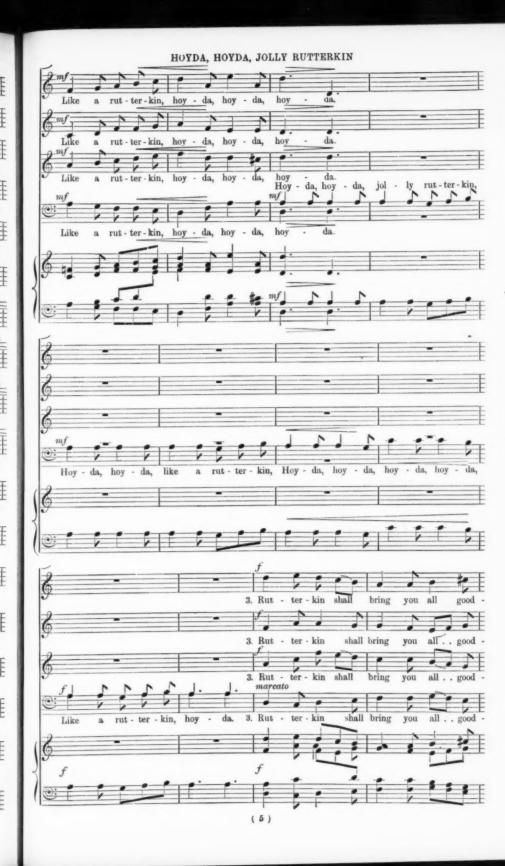
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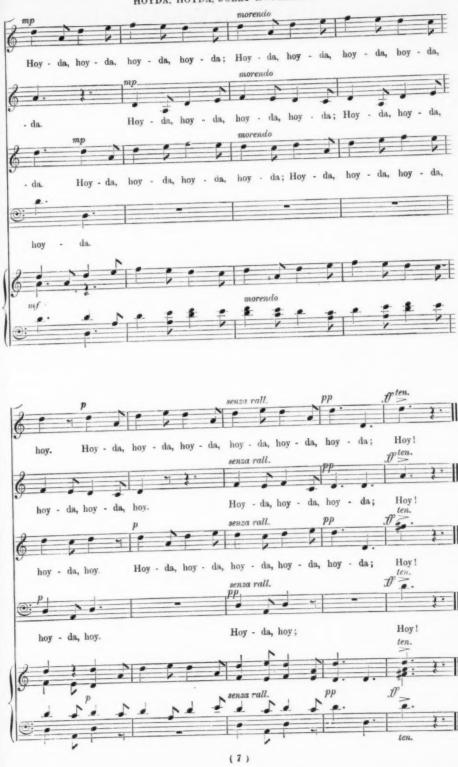
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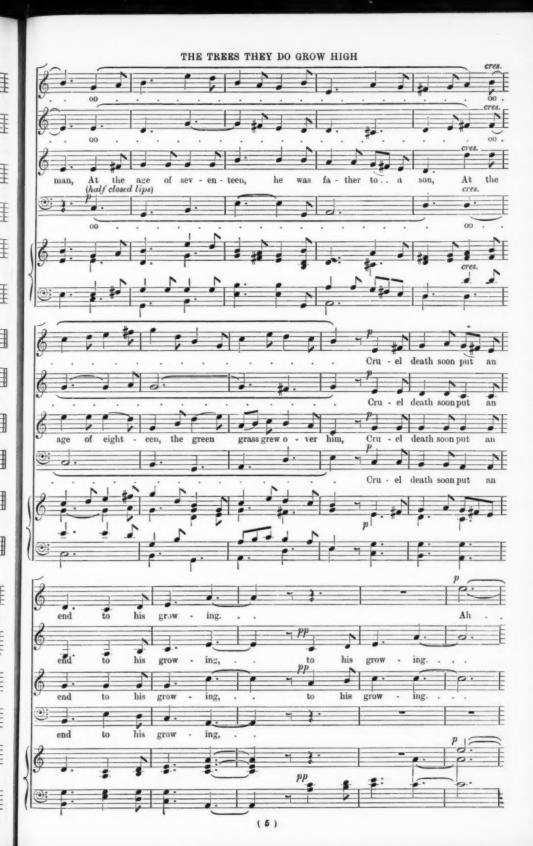
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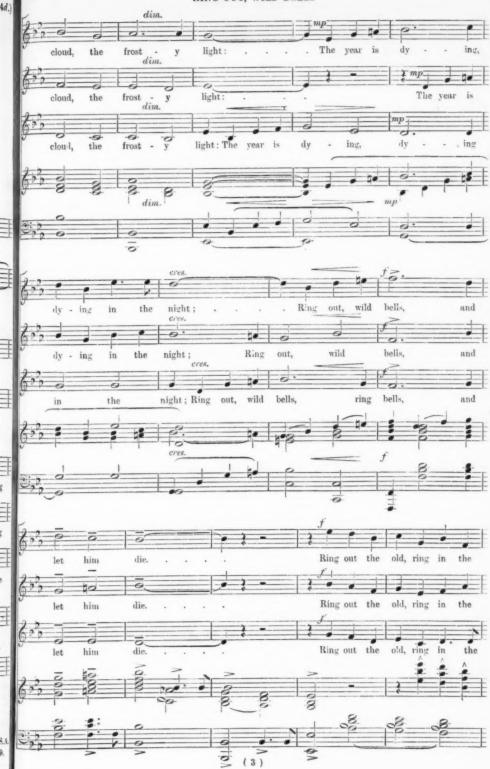
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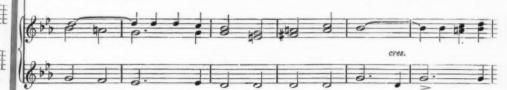
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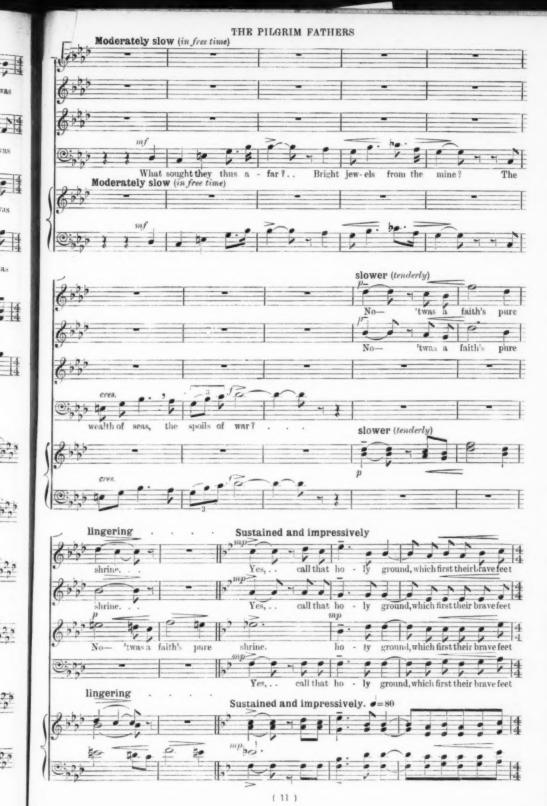
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